

## COMPARISON OF CONSTITUTIONS

CONSTITUTION OF 1867	PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968
<p><b>DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.</b></p> <p><i>We, the People of the State of Maryland, grateful to Almighty God for our civil and religious liberty, and taking into our serious consideration the best means of establishing a good Constitution of this State for the sure foundation and more permanent security thereof, declare:</i></p> <p><b>Article 1.</b> That all Government of right originates from the People, is founded in compact only, and instituted solely for the good of the whole; and they have, at all times, the inalienable right to alter, reform or abolish their Form of Government, in such manner as they may deem expedient.</p> <p><b>Art. 2.</b> The Constitution of the United States, and the Laws made, or which shall be made, in pursuance thereof, and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, are, and shall be the Supreme Law of the State; and the Judges of this State, and all the People of this State, are, and shall be bound thereby; anything in the Constitution or Law of this State to the contrary notwithstanding.</p> <p><b>Art. 3.</b> The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution thereof, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people thereof.</p> <p><b>Art. 4.</b> That the People of this State have the sole and exclusive right of regulating the internal government and police thereof, as a free, sovereign and independent State.</p> <p><b>Art. 5.</b> That the Inhabitants of Maryland are entitled to the Common Law of England, and the trial by Jury, according to the course of that Law, and to the benefit of such of the English Statutes as existed on the Fourth day of July, seventeen hundred and seventy-six; and which, by experience, have been found applicable to their local and other circumstances, and have been introduced, used and practiced by the Courts of Law or Equity; and also of all Acts of Assembly in force on the first day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven; except such as may have since expired, or may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution; subject,</p>	<p><b>PREAMBLE</b></p> <p><i>We, the people of the State of Maryland, grateful to Almighty God for our civil and religious freedom, recognizing that all political power originates in the people and that all government is instituted to secure their right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and acknowledging our duty and responsibility to posterity, do establish and ordain this Constitution.</i></p> <p><b>Section 1.13 Jury Trial in Civil Cases.</b></p> <p>Every person shall have the right of trial by jury of all issues of fact in civil proceedings at law in the courts of this State where the amount or value in controversy exceeds the minimum that the General Assembly may prescribe by law. The jury shall consist of twelve, except that the General Assembly may provide by law for a jury of not less than six nor more than twelve in the District Court. A unanimous decision of the jury shall be required to constitute its verdict.</p> <p><b>Section 10.02. Effect of Constitution on Existing Law.</b></p> <p>All legislation, including local legislation,</p>