CONSTITUTION OF 1867

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968

NO COMPARABLE SECTIONS.

Section 1.06. Grand Jury Indictment.

No person shall be held to answer for a felony unless on indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the militia while in actual service.

Section 1.10. Double Jeopardy.

No person shall be twice put in jeopardy of criminal punishment for the same offense.

ARTICLE I. ELECTIVE FRANCHISE.

Section 1. All elections shall be by ballot; and every citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years, or upwards, who has been a resident of the State for one year, and of the Legislative District of Baltimore City, or of the county, in which he may offer to vote, for six months next preceding the election, shall be entitled to vote, in the ward or election district, in which he resides, at all elections hereafter to be held in this State; and in case any county, or city, shall be so divided as to form portions of different electoral districts, for the election of Representatives in Congress, Senators, Delegates, or other Officers, then, to entitle a person to vote for such officer, he must have been a resident of that part of the county, or city, which shall form a part of the electoral district, in which he offers to vote, for six months next preceding the election; but a person, who shall have acquired a residence in such county, or city, entitling him to vote at any such election, shall be entitled to vote in the election district from which he removed, until he shall have acquired a residence in the part of the county, or city, to which he has removed.

See Section 2.01, Voters in National, State, and County Elections, p. 2, for qualifications for voting.

Section 3.04. Legislative Districts.

The State shall be divided by law into districts for the election of members of the Senate. Each senate district shall be subdivided into three districts for the election of members of the House of Delegates. The population represented by each senator shall be substantially equal, as shall the population represented by each delegate. Each district shall consist of adjoining territory and be compact in form. Due regard shall be given to natural boundaries and the boundaries of political subdivisions. Boundaries of districts shall be redrawn according to these standards prior to the general election in 1982 and in every tenth year thereafter.

Section 3.07. Congressional Districts.

The State shall be divided by law into congressional districts for the election of members of the United States House of Representatives. The difference between the populations of the largest and smallest congressional districts in the State shall not exceed ten per cent of the mean population of all congressional districts. Each congressional district shall consist of adjoining territory and be compact in form. Due regard shall be given to natural boundaries and the boundaries of political subdivisions. Boundaries of congressional districts shall be redrawn according to these standards prior to the general election in 1972 and in every tenth year thereafter.

Section 2.02. Voters in Presidential Elections.

For purposes of voting for president and vice president of the United States or for electors for those offices, the General Assembly shall prescribe by law a lesser residence requirement for citizens who have resided in this State for less than six months.