

COMPARISON OF CONSTITUTIONS

CONSTITUTION OF 1867

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968

Sec. 6. The General Assembly shall pass all such Laws as may be necessary more fully to carry into effect the provisions of this Article.

**ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.**

Section 1. The General Assembly may propose Amendments to this Constitution; provided that each Amendment shall be embraced in a separate bill, embodying the Article or Section, as the same will stand when amended and passed by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses, by yeas and nays, to be entered on the Journals with the proposed Amendment. The bill or bills proposing amendment or amendments shall be published by order of the Governor, in at least two newspapers, in each County, where so many may be published, and where not more than one may be published, then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers published in the City of Baltimore, once a week for four weeks immediately preceding the next ensuing general election, at which the proposed amendment or amendments shall be submitted, in a form to be prescribed by the General Assembly, to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection. The votes cast for and against said proposed amendment or amendments, severally, shall be returned to the Governor, in the manner prescribed in other cases, and if it shall appear to the Governor that a majority of the votes cast at said election on said amendment or amendments, severally, were cast in favor thereof, the Governor shall, by his proclamation, declare the said amendment or amendments having received said majority of votes, to have been adopted by the people of Maryland as part of the Constitution thereof, and thenceforth said amendment or amendments shall be part of the said Constitution. When two or more amendments shall be submitted in manner aforesaid, to the voters of this State at the same election, they shall be so submitted as that each amendment shall be voted on separately.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the General Assembly to provide by Law for taking, at the general election to be held in the year nineteen hundred and seventy, and every twenty years thereafter, the sense of the People in regard to calling a Convention for altering this Constitution;

**Section 10.03. Constitutional Amendment.**

An amendment to this Constitution may be proposed either by the affirmative vote of three-fifths of all the members of each house of the General Assembly or by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of a constitutional convention. Any proposed amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the State at a special or general election as determined by the General Assembly or by the convention, whichever proposes the amendment. Notice of the election shall be given as the General Assembly shall prescribe by law. Unless otherwise provided, the amendment shall become effective thirty days after approval by the vote of a majority of those voting on the amendment.

**Section 10.04. Constitutional Convention.**

The General Assembly by law may call a constitutional convention at any time or may submit the question of calling a constitutional convention to the voters of the State at any time. If a constitutional convention shall not have been called or if the question of