

COMPARISON OF CONSTITUTIONS

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968

CONSTITUTION OF 1867

Section 1.17. Continuity of Government During Emergencies.

The provisions of this Constitution shall not be suspended, except that the General Assembly by law shall provide for the temporary suspension of specific provisions during an emergency caused by disaster or enemy attack. Any suspension shall be for the period of the emergency only, and only provisions of this Constitution concerning state and local public offices and governmental operations may be suspended.

Section 1.18. Reserved Rights.

The enumeration of rights in this Constitution shall not be construed to impair, disparage, or deny others retained by the people.

ARTICLE 2. SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

Qualifications for Voting

Section 2.01. Voters in National, State, and County Elections.

Every citizen of the United States who has attained the age of nineteen years, and who has been a resident of this State for six months and of the county in which he offers to vote for three months next preceding an election, shall be eligible to vote, and if registered shall be qualified to vote in that county in national, state, and county elections. If any county is divided into different electoral districts or into portions of different

accomplish any and all of the purposes and objects contemplated by the provisions of this Article, provided such additional power or authority is not inconsistent with the terms and provisions of this Article or with any other provision or provisions of the Constitution of Maryland. The General Assembly may place such other and further restrictions or limitations on the exercise of any of the powers which it may grant to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore under the provisions of this Article as it may deem proper and expedient.

Sec. 3. Provided, however, that no public local law enacted under the provisions and authority of this Article shall be enacted or construed to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to exercise or apply any of the powers or authority in this Article enumerated within the territorial limits of Howard County.

Declaration of Rights, Art. 44. That the provisions of the Constitution of the United States, and of this State, apply, as well in time of war, as in time of peace; and any departure therefrom, or violation thereof, under the plea of necessity, or any other plea, is subversive of good Government, and tends to anarchy and despotism.

Declaration of Rights, Art. 45. This enumeration of Rights shall not be construed to impair or deny others retained by the People.

Declaration of Rights, Art. 7. That the right of the People to participate in the Legislature is the best security of liberty and the foundation of all free Government; for this purpose, elections ought to be free and frequent; and every white male<sup>1</sup> citizen, having the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution, ought to have the right of suffrage.

ARTICLE I. ELECTIVE FRANCHISE.

Section 1. All elections shall be by