

COMPARISON OF CONSTITUTIONS

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968

CONSTITUTION OF 1867

**Section 3.02. State Capital.**

The capital of the State and the meeting place of the General Assembly shall be at Annapolis.

**Section 3.03. Composition of the General Assembly.**

The number of members of each house of the General Assembly shall be prescribed by law, but the number of delegates shall not exceed one hundred twenty and the number of senators shall be one-third the number of delegates. Only one delegate shall represent a delegate district and only one senator shall represent a senate district. Each senate district shall consist of three whole delegate districts.

**Districts**

**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.

two distinct branches; a Senate, and a House of Delegates, and shall be styled the General Assembly of Maryland.

**Sec. 56.** The General Assembly shall have power to pass all such Laws as may be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the powers vested, by this Constitution, in any Department, or office of the Government, and the duties imposed upon them thereby.

**Declaration of Rights, Art. 11.** That Annapolis be the place of meeting of the Legislature; and the Legislature ought not to be convened, or held at any other place but from evident necessity.

**Sec. 5.** The membership of the House of Delegates shall consist of one hundred and twenty-three (123) Delegates, apportioned as follows: Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Howard, Kent, Queen Anne's, and St. Mary's Counties, two Delegates each; Cecil, Garrett, Somerset, Talbot, and Worcester Counties, three Delegates each; Carroll, Dorchester, Harford, and Wicomico Counties, four Delegates each; Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Washington Counties, and each of the six Legislative Districts of Baltimore City, six Delegates each.

**Article I, sec. 1 . . .** 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, . . . .

**Art. III, sec. 2.** The City of Baltimore shall be divided into six legislative districts as near as may be of equal population and of contiguous territory, and each of said legislative districts of Baltimore City, as they may from time to time be laid out, in accordance with the provisions hereof, and each county in the State, shall be entitled to one Senator, who shall be elected by the qualified voters of the said legislative districts of Baltimore City and of the counties of the State, respectively, and shall serve for four years from the date of his election.

**Sec. 4.** The General Assembly shall have the power to provide by Law, from time to time, for altering and changing the boundaries of the existing Legislative Districts of the City of Baltimore, so as to