

COMPARISON OF CONSTITUTIONS

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968

CONSTITUTION OF 1867

of all its members. Each house may expel a member by the affirmative vote of three-fifths of all its members.

either to the collection or expenditure of the revenue, and appoint Auditors to state and adjust the same. They may call for all public, or official papers and records, and send for persons, whom they may judge necessary in the course of their inquiries, concerning affairs relating to the public interest, and may direct all office bonds which shall be made payable to the State, to be sued for any breach thereof; and with a view to the more certain prevention, or correction of the abuses in the expenditures of the money of the State, the General Assembly shall create, at every session thereof, a joint Standing Committee of the Senate and House of Delegates, who shall have power to send for persons, and examine them on oath, and call for Public, or Official Papers and Records, and whose duty it shall be to examine and report upon all contracts made for printing stationery, and purchases for the Public offices, and the Library, and all expenditures therein, and upon all matters of alleged abuse in expenditures, to which their attention may be called by Resolution of either House of the General Assembly.

Section 3.17. Quorum.

A majority of all the members of a house shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in that house, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day.

Sec. 20. A majority of the whole number of members elected to each House shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner, and under such penalties, as each House may prescribe.

Section 3.18. Journals.

Each house of the General Assembly shall prescribe by rule for a current daily journal of its proceedings, which shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable times. Each house shall prescribe by rule that the daily journal shall be published as soon as practicable. Each house shall prescribe by rule that all final committee votes on all bills shall be entered, by recorded votes of individual members, in the daily journal of that house. Each house shall prescribe by rule that on final passage of a bill or resolution, including a proposal for a constitutional amendment, the vote cast by each member shall be recorded in the daily journal of that house.

Sec. 22. Each House shall keep a Journal of its proceedings, and cause the same to be published. The yeas and nays of members on any question, shall at the call of any five of them in the House of Delegates, or one in the Senate, be entered on the Journal.

Legislation

Section 3.19. Form of Laws.

Every law of this State shall be styled: "Be

Sec. 29. The style of all Laws of this State shall be, "Be it enacted by the