

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF MARYLAND

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tained the age of thirty years at the time of his election or appointment and shall have been a qualified voter in the State for at least five years immediately preceding his election or appointment. No person elected governor shall be eligible thereafter to hold the office of lieutenant governor.

Section 4.05. Election of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

The governor shall be elected by the voters of the State for a term beginning on the first Wednesday in January following his election and ending on the first Wednesday in January in the fourth year thereafter, and shall serve until a person has qualified to become governor or to serve as acting governor. If the first Wednesday in January is a legal holiday the term shall begin on the next day. In the general election, each candidate for lieutenant governor shall be listed on the ballot with a candidate for governor, so that a vote cast for governor shall be considered as also cast for the lieutenant governor listed on the ballot with the candidate for governor. The election of a governor shall constitute the election for the same term of the lieutenant governor who was listed on the ballot with him.

Gubernatorial Succession

Section 4.06. Failure of Governor-Elect to Take Office.

If the governor-elect is disqualified, resigns, or dies, the lieutenant governor-elect shall become governor for the full term. If the governor-elect fails to assume office for any other reason, the newly elected lieutenant governor shall become lieutenant governor and shall serve as acting governor until the governor-elect assumes office or until the office becomes vacant.

Section 1. . . . [Governor] whose term of office shall commence on the fourth Wednesday of January next ensuing his election, and continue for four years, and until his successor shall have qualified;

Sec. 2. An election for Governor, under this Constitution, shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, and on the same day and month in every fourth year thereafter, at the places of voting for Delegates to the General Assembly; and every person qualified to vote for Delegates, shall be qualified and entitled to vote for Governor; the election to be held in the same manner as the election of Delegates, and the returns thereof, under seal, to be addressed to the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and enclosed and transmitted to the Secretary of State, and delivered to said Speaker, at the commencement of the session of the General Assembly, next ensuing said election.

Sec. 3. The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall then open the said Returns, in the presence of both Houses; and the person having the highest number of votes, and being constitutionally eligible, shall be the Governor, and shall qualify, in the manner herein prescribed, on the fourth Wednesday of January next ensuing his election, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable.