

COMPARISON OF CONSTITUTIONS

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968

CONSTITUTION OF 1867

(2) Whenever a vacancy shall occur in said Court (other than in an original term or other than upon expiration of a term), for any cause, the Governor shall appoint to said Court a Judge who shall hold office under such appointment until the thirty-first day of December immediately following the first Congressional election occurring at least one year after the date of his appointment.

(3) In order to qualify for election or re-election a candidate shall file a certificate of candidacy with the Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City not later than midnight of the day which is ten weeks or seventy days prior to the day on which the primary election should be held.

(4) The names of all candidates for judge of the Municipal Court created herein shall be placed in the voting machines without any party label or other distinguishing mark or location which might directly or indirectly indicate the party affiliation of any such candidate.

(5) When a vacancy shall exist in the Chief Judgeship of said Court, the Governor may designate an Associate Judge of said Court as Chief Judge, and such appointee as Chief Judge shall continue as such for the residue of the term for which he was originally appointed or subsequently elected.

Art. XV, sec. 9. The term of office of all Judges and other officers, for whose election provision is made by this Constitution, shall except in cases otherwise expressly provided herein, commence from the time of their Election; and all such officers shall qualify as soon after their election as practicable, and shall enter upon the duties of their respective offices immediately upon their qualification; and the Term of office of the State Librarian and of the Commissioner of the Land Office shall commence from the time of their appointment.

Section 5.23. Judicial Retirement.

Each judge shall retire at the age of seventy. If a majority of the members of the Court of Appeals approve, the chief judge may authorize a retired judge to perform temporarily judicial duties in any court.

Sec. 3. The Judges of the said several Courts other than the Court of Appeals or any intermediate courts of appeal shall, subject to the provisions of Section 5 of this Article of the Constitution, be elected in Baltimore City and in each county, by the qualified voters of the city and of each county, respectively, except that in the First and Second Judicial Circuits the said Judges of the several Courts shall be elected by the qualified voters in each respective Judicial Circuit as hereinafter provided, all of the