

COMPARISON OF CONSTITUTIONS

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ment, as circumstances may require, and the public interest may demand; and the Judge, or Judges, so assigned to the said several Courts, shall, when holding the same, have all the powers and exercise all the jurisdiction, which may belong to the Court so being held; and it shall also be the duty of the said Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, in case of the sickness, absence, or disability of any Judge or Judges, assigned as aforesaid, to provide for the hearing of the cases, or transaction of the business assigned to said Judge, or Judges, as aforesaid, before some one, or more of the Judges of said Court.

Sec. 41A. . . . [People's Court of Baltimore City] The Judges of said Court shall have full power to regulate by rules the administration, procedure and practice of said Court; such rules shall have the force of law until rescinded or modified by said Judges or the General Assembly. Unless otherwise provided by Law, (1) all powers granted by this section or by Law to said Court or the Judges thereof as a body may be exercised by a majority of the Judges thereof, and (2) said Court shall not be a Court of Record. . . .

Sec. 41C. (c) . . . [Municipal Court of Baltimore City] The Chief Judge and the Associate Judges thereof shall have such powers and duties as the General Assembly shall prescribe from time to time by Law. The Judges of said Court shall have full power to regulate by rules the administration, procedure and practice of said Court, including, but not limited to, the creation of divisions of said Court to hear exclusively any class or classes of cases and the assignment of a particular judge or judges exclusively to such divisions and the vesting of administrative duties in the Chief Judge; such rules shall have the force of Law until rescinded or modified by said Judges or the General Assembly. Unless otherwise provided by Law, all powers granted by this section or by Law to said Court or the Judges thereof as a body may be exercised by a majority of the Judges thereof. Said Court shall not be a Court of Record. . . .

Section 5.32. Cost of Judicial Branch.

The cost of the operation and administration of the judicial branch shall be borne exclusively by the State, and all revenues derived from the operation and administration of the judicial branch shall inure to the State.

Art. III, sec. 45. The General Assembly shall provide a simple and uniform system of charges in the offices of Clerks of Courts, and Registers of Wills, in the Counties of this State, and the City of Baltimore, and for the collection thereof; provided, the amount of compensation to any of the said