

**COMPARISON OF CONSTITUTIONS**

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968	CONSTITUTION OF 1867
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cil of the counties may sit in each year for the purpose of enacting legislation for such counties, and all legislation shall be enacted at the times so designated for that purpose in the charter, and all laws and ordinances so enacted shall be published once a week for three successive weeks in at least one newspaper published in such counties, so that the taxpayers and citizens may have notice thereof. This provision shall not apply to Baltimore City. All such local laws enacted by the Mayor of Baltimore and City Council of the City of Baltimore or the Council of the counties as hereinbefore provided, shall be subject to the same rules of interpretation as those now applicable to the Public Local Laws of this State, except that in case of any conflict between said local law and any Public General Law now or hereafter enacted the Public General Law shall control.

Sec. 4. From and after the adoption of a charter under the provisions of this Article by the City of Baltimore or any county of this State, no public local law shall be enacted by the General Assembly for said city or county on any subject covered by the express powers granted as above provided. Any law so drawn as to apply to two or more of the geographical subdivisions of this State shall not be deemed a Local Law, within the meaning of this Act. The term "geographical sub-division" herein used shall be taken to mean the City of Baltimore or any of the counties of this State.

Sec. 6. The power heretofore conferred upon the General Assembly to prescribe the number, compensation, powers and duties of the County Commissioners in each county, and the power to make changes in Sections 1 to 6 inclusive, Article XI of this Constitution, when expressly granted as hereinbefore provided, are hereby transferred to the voters of each county and the voters of City of Baltimore, respectively, provided that said powers so transferred shall be exercised only by the adoption or amendment of a charter as hereinbefore provided; and provided further that this Article shall not be construed to authorize the exercise of any powers in excess of those conferred by the legislature upon said counties or city as this Article sets forth.

*See Art. XI-B, Sec. 1 and Sec. 2 at Section 1.16 for the power of the General Assembly by public local law to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to acquire and sell land for land development.*