

COMPARISON OF CONSTITUTIONS

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968	CONSTITUTION OF 1867
Municipal Corporations and Intracounty Governmental Units	
Section 7.05. Existing Municipal Corporations.	
<p>Municipal corporation shall mean an incorporated city, town, or village, but shall not include Baltimore City or any other county. Municipal corporations existing at the effective date of this Constitution may not be merged or dissolved or have their boundaries altered or have their existing powers withdrawn, without the consent of the governing bodies of the county and the municipal corporations affected, or except as the General Assembly may prescribe by law.</p>	<p>Art. XI-E, sec. 3. Any such municipal corporation, now existing or hereafter created, shall have the power and authority, (a) to amend or repeal an existing charter or local laws relating to the incorporation, organization, government, or affairs of said municipal corporation heretofore enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, and (b) to adopt a new charter, and to amend or repeal any charter adopted under the provisions of this Article.</p>
Section 7.06. New Municipal Corporations and Intracounty Governmental Units.	<p>Sec. 6. All charter provisions, or amendments thereto, adopted under the provisions of this Article, shall be subject to all applicable laws enacted by the General Assembly; except that any local laws, or amendments thereto, relating to the incorporation, organization, government, or affairs of any municipal corporation and enacted before this Article becomes effective, shall be subject to any charter provisions, or amendments thereto, adopted under the provisions of this Article. Any local law, or amendments thereto, relating to the incorporation, organization, government, or affairs of any municipal corporation and in effect at the time this Article becomes effective, shall be subject to any applicable State law enacted after this Article becomes effective. All laws enacted by the General Assembly and in effect at the time this Article becomes effective, shall remain in effect until amended or repealed in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to authorize any municipal corporation, by any amendment or addition to its charter, to permit any act which is prohibited by the laws of this State concerning the observance of the Sabbath Day or the manufacture, licensing or sale of alcoholic beverages.</p>
<p>A county may provide by law for the creation of new municipal corporations and other units of local government comprising a part of the area of the county and by law may grant to and withdraw from them any and all powers of the county, subject to any procedures and standards that the General Assembly may prescribe by law.</p>	<p>Art. XI-E, section 1. Except as provided elsewhere in this Article, the General Assembly shall not pass any law relating to the incorporation, organization, government, or affairs of those municipal corporations which are not authorized by Article 11-A of the Constitution to have a charter form of government which will be special or local in its terms or in its effect, but the General Assembly shall act in relation to the incorporation, organization, government, or affairs of any such municipal corpora-</p>