

COMPARISON OF CONSTITUTIONS

CONSTITUTION OF 1867	PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968
<p>Sec. 18. No Senator or Delegate shall be liable in any civil action, or criminal prosecution, whatever, for words spoken in debate.</p>	<p><i>See Section 3.14, Immunity, p. 3.</i></p>
<p>Sec. 19. Each House shall be judge of the qualifications and elections of its members, as prescribed by the Constitution and Laws of the State; shall appoint its own officers, determine the rules of its own proceedings, punish a member for disorderly, or disrespectful behavior, and with the consent of two-thirds of its whole number of members elected, expel a member; but no member shall be expelled a second time for the same offence.</p>	<p>Section 3.16. Organization.</p> <p>Each house shall be the judge of the qualifications and selection of its members, as prescribed by this Constitution and the laws of this State. Each house shall elect its officers and determine its rules of procedure, and may permit its committees and subcommittees to meet between sessions of the General Assembly. Each house, by the affirmative vote of a majority of all its members, may compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of records and papers either before the house as a whole or before any of its committees and subcommittees, provided that the rights and the records and papers of all witnesses in such cases are protected by law. Each house may punish a member for disorderly or disrespectful behavior, by the affirmative vote of a majority of all its members. Each house may expel a member by the affirmative vote of three-fifths of all its members.</p>
<p>Sec. 20. A majority of the whole number of members elected to each House shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner, and under such penalties, as each House may prescribe.</p>	<p>Section 3.17. Quorum.</p> <p>A majority of all the members of a house shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in that house, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day.</p>
<p>Sec. 21. The doors of each House, and of the Committee of the Whole, shall be open, except when the business is such as ought to be kept secret.</p>	<p>Section 3.18. Journals.</p> <p>Each house of the General Assembly shall prescribe by rule for a current daily journal of its proceedings, which shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable times. Each house shall prescribe by rule that the daily journal shall be published as soon as practicable. Each house shall prescribe by rule that all final committee votes on all bills shall be entered, by recorded votes of individual members, in the daily journal of that house. Each house shall prescribe by rule that on final passage of a bill or resolution, including a proposal for a constitutional amendment, the vote cast by each member</p>