

COMPARISON OF CONSTITUTIONS

CONSTITUTION OF 1867	PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968
<p>each other; and no person exercising the functions of one of said Departments shall assume or discharge the duties of any other.</p>	<p>consist of two houses, the Senate and the House of Delegates.</p>
<p>Art. 9. That no power of suspending Laws or the execution of Laws, unless by, or derived from the Legislature, ought to be exercised, or allowed.</p>	<p>Section 4.01. Executive Power. The executive power of the State shall be vested in the governor, who shall faithfully execute the laws.</p>
<p>Art. 10. That freedom of speech and debate, or proceedings in the Legislature, ought not to be impeached in any Court of Judicature.</p>	<p>Section 5.01. Judicial Power. The judicial power of the State shall be vested exclusively in a unified judicial system composed of the Court of Appeals, the Intermediate Appellate Court, the Superior Court, and the District Court.</p>
<p>Art. 11. That Annapolis be the place of meeting of the Legislature; and the Legislature ought not to be convened, or held at any other place but from evident necessity.</p>	<p>Section 1.01. Freedom of Expression. The people shall have the right peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances. Freedom of the press and freedom of speech shall not be abridged, each person remaining responsible for abuse of those rights.</p>
<p>Art. 12. That for redress of grievances, and for amending, strengthening and preserving the Laws, the Legislature ought to be frequently convened.</p>	<p>Section 3.14. Immunity. Words used by a member of the General Assembly in any of its proceedings, including the proceedings of any committees and sub-committees, shall be absolutely privileged, and a member shall not be liable therefor in any civil action or criminal prosecution.</p>
	<p>Section 3.02. State Capital. The capital of the State and the meeting place of the General Assembly shall be at Annapolis.</p>
	<p>Section 3.15. Sessions. The General Assembly may provide by law for an organizational session prior to the convening of the regular session. The General Assembly shall convene in regular session on the third Wednesday of January of each year, unless otherwise prescribed by law, and may continue in session for a period not longer than ninety days; provided that by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of each house a regular session may be extended for a period not longer than thirty days, and that by the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the members of each house a regular session may be extended a second time for a period not longer than thirty</p>