

# CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF MARYLAND

## CONSTITUTION OF 1867

of land to any Minister, Public Teacher or Preacher of the Gospel, as such, or to any Religious Sect, Order or Denomination, or to, or for the support, use or benefit of, or in trust for, any Minister, Public Teacher or Preacher of the Gospel, as such, or any Religious Sect, Order or Denomination; and every gift or sale of goods, or chattels, to go in succession, or to take place after the death of the Seller or Donor, to or for such support, use or benefit; and also every devise of goods or chattels to or for the support, use or benefit of any Minister, Public Teacher or Preacher of the Gospel, as such, or any Religious Sect, Order or Denomination, without the prior or subsequent sanction of the Legislature, shall be void; except always, any sale, gift, lease or devise of any quantity of land, not exceeding five acres, for a church, meeting-house, or other house of worship, or parsonage, or for a burying ground, which shall be improved, enjoyed, or used only for such purpose; or such sale, gift, lease, or devise shall be void. Provided, however, that except in so far as the General Assembly shall hereafter by law otherwise enact, the consent of the Legislature shall not be required to any gift, grant, deed, or conveyance executed after the 2nd day of November, 1948, or to any devise or bequest contained in the will of any person dying after said 2nd day of November, 1948 for any of the purposes hereinabove in this Article mentioned.

**Art. 39.** That the manner of administering an oath or affirmation to any person, ought to be such as those of the religious persuasion, profession, or denomination, of which he is a member, generally esteem the most effectual confirmation by the attestation of the Divine Being.

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968

### Section 9.01. Oath.

Every person elected or appointed to any office of profit or trust under the Constitution or laws of this State, before he enters upon the duties of such office, shall take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation, the parenthetical language being optional: "(In the presence of Almighty God) I,....., do swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland and support the Constitution and laws thereof; and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice execute the office of....., according to the Constitution and laws of this State." No other oath or affirmation shall be required. Should any person elected or appointed to an office of profit or trust refuse or neglect to take the oath or affirmation, then such office shall be