

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF MARYLAND

CONSTITUTION OF 1867

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968

ARTICLE 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 corporation only by general laws which shall in their terms and in their effect apply alike to all municipal corporations in one or more of the classes provided for in Section 2 of this Article. It shall be the duty of the General Assembly to provide by Law the method by which new municipal corporations shall be formed.

Sec. 2. The General Assembly, by Law, shall classify all such municipal corporations by grouping them into not more than four classes based on populations as determined by the most recent census made under the authority of the United States or the State of Maryland. No more than one such group-

ing intergovernmental authorities and popularly elected representative regional governments, shall consist of all or part of two or more counties. The General Assembly may provide by law for the establishment, merger, or dissolution of multi-county governmental units, or for the alteration of their boundaries, or for the powers they may exercise. The General Assembly may provide for referenda on any of these laws pertaining to a popularly elected representative regional government.

Section 7.09. Financing of Intergovernmental Authorities.

The General Assembly by law or a popularly elected representative local government by law may grant to an intergovernmental authority the power to impose and to collect service or benefit charges, to borrow money, and to collect taxes imposed by the General Assembly or by the popularly elected representative local government, but may not grant the power to impose taxes.

Section 7.05. Existing Municipal Corporations.

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date of this Constitution may not be merged or dissolved or have their boundaries altered or have their existing powers withdrawn, without the consent of the governing bodies of the county and the municipal corporations affected, or except as the General Assembly may prescribe by law.

Section 7.06. New Municipal Corporations and Intracounty Governmental Units.

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.