



CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF MARYLAND

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TO HIS EXCELLENCY, SPIRO T. AGNEW, *Governor of Maryland*:

TO THE HONORABLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND:

TO THE HONORABLE, THE DELEGATES TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
OF MARYLAND OF 1967-1968:

TO THE PEOPLE OF MARYLAND:

On behalf of the Constitutional Convention of Maryland of 1967-1968, I have the honor to present this volume showing in parallel columns a section-by-section comparison of the present Constitution of the State of Maryland adopted originally in 1867 and amended many times since, with the proposed Constitution of 1968 adopted by the Constitutional Convention on January 10, 1968.

Although the proposed Constitution was rejected by the people at the special election held on May 14, 1968, so that the Constitution of 1867 remains in effect, nevertheless a useful purpose will be served by this detailed comparison of the two constitutions. The consensus of opinion is that there were many provisions of the proposed Constitution which, if presented separately, would have been adopted by the people and the fact remains that the present Constitution is still very much in need of a thoroughgoing revision. In recognition of this fact, a special legislative committee on constitutional revision appointed by the Legislative Council is presently conducting a study of constitutional revision by means of legislatively proposed amendments. This volume comparing the present and the proposed Constitutions will be of considerable help to this and other committees of the General Assembly, to other interested groups and to the people of the State of Maryland generally.

Obviously, a comparison of two documents as dissimilar in many respects, and particularly in structure and form, as the present Constitution and the proposed Constitution of 1968 has presented many difficulties and in some instances an exact comparison in parallel columns has been impossible. Nevertheless, the attempt has been made and it is believed that the resulting product has been worth the effort.

Respectfully submitted,

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