

PREFACE

This volume is in two parts. Part I presents a comparison of the present Constitution of the State of Maryland with the Constitution proposed by the Constitutional Convention of 1967-1968. The present Declaration of Rights and Constitution is printed section by section seriatim in the left column of pages 1 to 116. In the right column of these same pages directly opposite those provisions of the present Declaration of Rights or Constitution with which they correspond are set forth the provisions of the proposed Constitution of 1968. In Part II of this volume comprising pages 117 to 225, the converse arrangement is followed, that is, the entire text of the proposed Constitution of 1968 is printed section by section seriatim in the left column and in the right column directly opposite are set forth the corresponding provisions of the present Declaration of Rights and Constitution. In an appendix comprising pages 226 to 233 are printed those sections of the present Constitution which have no counterpart in the proposed Constitution and deal with a subject matter not dealt with in the proposed Constitution.

Because the proposed Constitution of 1968 is arranged differently from the present Constitution, the sections of the proposed Constitution as printed in the right column of Part I do not appear in numerical order. Nevertheless, the article numbers of the various sections of the proposed Constitution have not been printed in the right column of Part I because the numbering system used in the proposed Constitution of 1968 readily identifies the article in which each section is included, inasmuch as the first digit to the left of the decimal point in each section number is the number of the article in which the section is included.

There are many provisions in the present Constitution which have no counterpart in the proposed Constitution. In these instances, the space in the right column of Part I opposite the section of the present Constitution for which there is no corresponding provision in the proposed Constitution of 1968 is left blank. In other instances, the subject matter of one section of the present Constitution may be covered by several sections of the proposed Constitution. In these cases, the several sections of the proposed Constitution are printed opposite the corresponding section of the present Constitution. This accounts for the blank spaces which appear from time to time in the left column of Part I. As noted below, such of those sections of the present Constitution as have no counterpart in the proposed Constitution of 1968 and deal with a subject matter not dealt with at all in the proposed Constitution of 1968 are also printed in an appendix to Part II on pages 226 to 233.

Because of the different arrangement of the two Constitutions, there are many instances in which material included in one section of the present Constitution is covered or referred to in several sections of the proposed Constitution and these sections of the proposed Constitution also refer in turn to provisions contained in several sections of the present Constitution. Rather than print the sections of the proposed Constitution more than once in the right column of Part I, cross-references are used in each instance where a section of the proposed Constitution is pertinent to a provision of the present Constitution, but the pertinent section of the proposed Constitution has already been printed earlier in the right column of Part I.

There are also sections of the proposed Constitution of 1968 which have no counterpart in the present Constitution. These sections are printed in the right column of Part I at the end of each pertinent article of the present Constitution. Thus, for example, following the Declaration of Rights of the present Constitution as printed in Part I, on page 10 in the right column will be found Sections 1.06 and 1.10 of the proposed Constitution, neither of which has any exact counterpart in the present Constitution. Similarly, follow-