

# THE CONSTITUTION.

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## ARTICLE I.

### ELECTIVE FRANCHISE.

SECTION 1. All elections shall be by ballot, and every Ballot.  
white male citizen of the United States, of the age of  
twenty-one years or upwards, who shall have resided in the Qualification of  
State one year next preceding the election, and six months voters.  
in any county, or in any legislative district of Baltimore 18 Md. 479.  
city, and who shall comply with the provisions of this  
Article of the Constitution, shall be entitled to vote, at all  
elections hereafter held in this State; and in case any  
county or city shall be so divided as to form portions of  
different electoral districts for the election of Congressmen,  
Senator, Delegate, or other officer or officers, then to entitle  
a person to vote for such officer he must have been a resi-  
dent of that part of the county or city which shall form a  
part of the electoral district in which he offers to vote for  
six months next preceding the election; but a person who Removals.  
shall have acquired a residence in such county or city en-  
titled him to vote at any such election shall be entitled to  
vote in the election district from which he removed, until  
he shall have acquired a residence in the part of the county  
or city to which he has removed.

SEC. 2. The General Assembly shall provide by law for Registration.  
a uniform registration of the names of voters in this State,  
which registration shall be evidence of the qualification of  
said voters to vote at any election thereafter held, but no  
person shall be excluded from voting at any election on  
account of not being registered until the General Assembly  
shall have passed an act of registration, and the same shall  
have been carried into effect, after which no person shall  
vote unless his name appears on the register. The General