

and less than 55,000 souls, shall be entitled to five delegates ; and every county having a population of 55,000 and upwards, shall be entitled to six delegates and no more ; and each of the three Legislative Districts of the City of Baltimore, shall be entitled to the number of Delegates, to which the largest county shall, or may be entitled to under the foregoing apportionment. The General Assembly has power to provide by law, from time to time, for altering and changing the boundaries of the three existing Legislative Districts of the City of Baltimore, so as to make them as near as may be, of equal population ; but said districts shall always consist of contiguous territory. (Article III, sections 4 and 5, Constitution.)

Delegates to the House are elected by the qualified voters. (Article III, section 6, Constitution.)

The election of Delegates and one-half of State Senators takes place every two years on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November. (Article III, section 7, Constitution.)

No person shall be eligible as a Senator or Delegate, who, at the time of his election, is not a citizen of the State of Maryland, and who has not resided therein for at least three years next preceding the day of his election, and the last year thereof, in the county, or the Legislative District of Baltimore City, which he may be chosen to represent, if such county, or Legislative District of said city, shall have been so long established ; and if not, then in the county or city, from which, in whole, or in part, the same may have been formed ; nor shall any person be eligible as a Senator unless he shall have attained the age of twenty-five years, nor as a Delegate, unless he shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, at the time of his election. (Article III, section 9, Constitution.)

Persons ineligible to the Legislature are members of Congress, persons holding civil or military offices under the United States, ministers or preachers of the Gospel, or of any religious creed or denomination, persons holding civil office of profit or trust in this State, except justices of the peace, and no collector, receiver or holder of public money, unless he shall have accounted for the same. Any person accepting office under the Federal Government vacates his seat. (Article III, sections 10, 11 and 12, Constitution.)

In case of a vacancy or a tie, when the Legislature is in session, the Speaker of the House or President of the Senate, as the case may be, shall issue his warrant for an election, of which ten days' notice shall be given. (Article III, section 13, Constitution.)

The General Assembly meets biennially in regular session the first Wednesday in January. (Article III, section 14, Constitution.)