

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.)

The Legislature may continue in regular session ninety days. Each member shall receive five dollars per diem for every day he shall attend the session, and for such days as he may be absent for sickness, or by leave of the house of which he is a member. He shall receive such mileage as may be allowed by law, not exceeding twenty cents per mile. The presiding officer of each House shall receive an additional compensation of three dollars per day. When the General Assembly is convened in extra session, the session shall not continue longer than thirty days, and the per diem and mileage shall be the same as in regular session. (Article III, section 15, Constitution.)