

the city, and may make due and proper arrangements and agreements for the renewal and extension, in whole or in part, of any and all debts and obligations created according to law before the adoption of this Constitution.¹

Subject only to exceptions set forth in this section, no debt can be created in behalf of City of Baltimore unless authorized by Act of Assembly and approved by majority of voters. Legislature may prescribe procedure, etc., for submission of question to voters; method so prescribed must be followed. Act of 1920, ch. 373, contemplated one interest rate only. Exhaustion of city's power under act. Taxpayer may enjoin sale of stock. *Stanley v. Baltimore*, 146 Md. 290.

This section does not require act or ordinance to fix interest rate; delegation by Baltimore to Finance Commissioners. Baltimore Airport Loan validly submitted to voters. *Stanley v. Baltimore*, 146 Md. 277, and *Thom v. Baltimore*, 154 Md. 273, reviewed. *Douty v. Baltimore*, 155 Md. 131.

Word "debt" includes interest where ratifying ordinance specifies rate of interest, periods at which it is payable, etc.; Legislature may not thereafter empower Mayor and City Council to change interest rate. *Thom v. Baltimore*, 154 Md. 277 (*cf.* dissenting opinion).

Act authorizing debt must have legislative approval before ordinance providing for same can be submitted to the voters. *Baltimore v. Supervisors*, 156 Md. 197.

Ch. 328, 1927, and ordinance submitting loan for library fully complied with provisions of this section. *Johnson v. Baltimore*, 158 Md. 93.

Cited but not construed in *Browne v. Baltimore*, 163 Md. 217.

ARTICLE XIA.

LOCAL LEGISLATION.

Sec. 1.

This article referred to in overruling contention that Ordinance of Estimates changing salary fixed by School Board superseded action of board; Charter of Baltimore City may be amended only as outlined in sec. 5 of this article. See notes to art. 77, sec. 188, of Code. *Graham v. Joyce*, 151 Md. 307.

This article does not authorize City of Baltimore to repeal law authorizing Governor to appoint auctioneers in said city and that they shall pay license fees, etc., to State. What is a "local" law. *Gaither v. Jackson*, 147 Md. 636.

See notes to art. 4, sec. 39, of Constitution.

Ch. 287, 1931, conferring authority on Baltimore City to take referendum vote on ordinance regulating Sunday observance is valid even if not clothed in the form of an addition to Charter powers. *Ness v. Baltimore*, 162 Md. 529.

Ch. 702 of 1927, authorizing Commissioners of Montgomery County to license and regulate graveyards not contrary to this article, since county had not adopted county charter. *Gordon v. Montgomery County*, 164 Md. 215.

Art. 88A, secs. 21-31 (Mothers' Relief) are not in violation of this article. *Baltimore v. Fuget*, 164 Md. 340.

The assessment of property in Baltimore City for State taxation is not a proper subject of legislation by the city under the provisions of this article. *Denhard v. Baltimore*, 167 Md. 419.

Cited but not construed in *Billig v. State*, 157 Md. 191.

Sec. 2.

Idea that City of Baltimore stands in place of and has all power that Legislature could exercise in Baltimore City negatived by this section. Nothing in Charter of Baltimore authorizes it to delegate or transfer legislative powers delegated to it to any other agency. See notes to art. 23, Declaration of Rights. *Tighe v. Osborne*, 149 Md. 360.

Art. 56, sec. 210, Code, void under this article. *State v. Stewart*, 152 Md. 420.

¹ Thus amended by act of 1933, ch. 456, and ratified by the people November, 1934.