

Sec. 39. The General Assembly shall enact no law authorizing private property to be taken for public use, without just compensation, as agreed upon between the parties, or awarded by a jury, being first paid or tendered to the party entitled to such compensation.

Sec. 40. Any citizen of this State who shall, after the adoption of this Constitution, either in or out of this State, fight a duel with deadly weapons, or send or accept a challenge so to do, or who shall act as a second, or knowingly aid or assist in any manner those thus offending, and any citizen who has thus offended, or who has so aided or assisted those thus offending since the first Wednesday of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, shall ever thereafter be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under this State.

Sec. 41. The General Assembly shall pass laws for the preservation of the purity of elections by the registration of voters, and by such other means as may be deemed expedient; and to make effective the provisions of the Constitution, disfranchising certain persons or disqualifying them from holding office.

Sec. 42. The General Assembly shall pass laws necessary to protect the property of the wife from the debts of the husband during her life, and for securing the same to her issue after her death.

Sec. 43. Laws shall be passed by the General Assembly to protect from execution, a reasonable amount of property of a debtor not exceeding in value the sum of five hundred dollars.

Sec. 44. The General Assembly shall provide a simple and uniform system of charges in the offices of Clerks of Courts and Register of Wills, in the counties of this State and the city of Baltimore, and for the collection thereof; *provided*, the amount of compensation to any of said officers shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars a year, over and above office expenses and compensation to Assistants; *and provided further*, that such compensation of Clerks, Registers, Assistants and office expenses shall always be paid out of the fees or receipts of the offices respectively.

Sec. 45. The General Assembly shall have power to receive from the United States any grant or donation of land, money or securities for any purpose designated by the United States, and shall administer or distribute the same according to the conditions of the said grant.

Sec. 46. The General Assembly shall make provision for all cases of contested elections of any of the officers not herein provided for.