

Headnotes	Present Constitution	Constitution of 1867	Constitution of 1864
<p>Amendments to Constitution: Procedure for ratification.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE XIV.</b> <b>AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.</b></p> <p><b>Section 1.</b> The General Assembly may propose Amendments to this Constitution; provided that each Amendment shall be embraced in a separate bill, embodying the Article or Section, as the same will stand when amended and passed by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses, by yeas and nays, to be entered on the Journals with the proposed Amendment. The bill or bills proposing amendment or amendments shall be published by order of the Governor, in at least two newspapers, in each County, where so many may be published, and where not more than one may be published, then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers published in the City of Baltimore, once a week for four weeks immediately preceding the next ensuing general election, at which the proposed amendment or amendments shall be submitted, in a form to be prescribed by the General Assembly, to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection. The votes cast for and against said proposed amendment or amendments, severally, shall be returned to the Governor, in the manner prescribed in other cases, and if it shall appear to the</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE XIV.</b> <b>AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.</b></p> <p><b>Section 1.</b> The General Assembly may propose Amendments to this Constitution; provided, that each Amendment shall be embraced in a separate Bill, embodying the Article or Section, as the same will stand when amended and passed by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses, by yeas and nays, to be entered on the Journals with the proposed Amendment. The Bill, or Bills, proposing amendment, or amendments, shall be published by order of the Governor, in at least two newspapers in each county, where so many may be published, and where not more than one may be published, then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers published in the City of Baltimore, one of which shall be in the German language, once a week, for at least three months preceding the next ensuing general election, at which the said proposed amendment, or amendments shall be submitted, in a form to be prescribed by the General Assembly, to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection. The votes cast for and against said proposed amendment, or amendments, severally, shall be returned to the Governor,</p>	<p>the Constitution for such territory, and may for that purpose increase the number of judges of the Court of Appeals.</p> <p><b>ARTICLE XI.</b> <b>AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION.</b></p> <p><b>Section 1.</b> The General Assembly may propose any amendment or amendments to this Constitution which shall be agreed to by three-fifths of all the members elected to both Houses. Such proposed amendment or amendments with the yeas and nays thereon, shall be entered on the Journal of each House; shall be printed with the laws passed at the same session, and shall be published by order of the Governor, in all the newspapers printed in the different counties of this State, and in three newspapers printed in the city of Baltimore, (one of which shall be printed in the German language,) for at least three months preceding the next election for members of the General Assembly, at which election the said proposed amendment or amendments shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State for their confirmation or rejection; and if it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, from the returns of the said election made to him by the proper authorities, that a majority of the qualified votes cast at said election on the proposed amendment or amendments, were in favor of the said proposed amendment or amendments, he shall, by</p>

Constitution of 1851	Constitution of 1776	Amendments to 1776 Constitution
<p><b>ARTICLE XI.</b> <b>AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION.</b></p> <p>It shall be the duty of the Legislature, at its first session immediately succeeding the returns of every census of the United States, hereafter taken, to pass a law for ascertaining, at the next general election of Delegates, the sense of the people of Maryland in regard to the calling a Convention for altering the Constitution; and in case the majority of votes cast at said election shall be in favor of calling a Convention, the Legislature shall provide for assembling such Convention; and electing Delegates thereto at the earliest convenient day; and the Delegates to the said Convention shall be elected by the several counties of the State and the city of Baltimore, in proportion to their representation respectively in the Senate and House of Delegates, at the time when said Convention may be called.</p>	<p>59. That this form of government, and the declaration of rights, and no part thereof, shall be altered, changed, or abolished, unless a bill so to alter, change, or abolish the same, shall pass the general assembly and be published at least three months before a new election, and shall be confirmed by the general assembly after a new election of delegates, in the first session after such new election; provided that nothing in this form of government which relates to the eastern shore particularly shall at any time hereafter be altered, unless for the alteration and confirmation thereof at least two thirds of all the members of each branch of the general assembly shall concur.</p>	<p>Proposed by Act of 1836, chapter 197. Ratified 1837.</p> <p>Sec. 28. If this act shall be confirmed by the General Assembly, after a new election of Delegates, in the first session after such new election agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and form of government, then and in such case this act, and the alterations and amendments of the Constitution therein contained, shall be taken and considered, and shall constitute and be valid, as a part of said constitution and form of Government, anything in the said Constitution and form of Government to the contrary notwithstanding.</p>