

Generally.

The portion of this section providing that corporations shall not be created by special act, etc., does not apply to a corporation formed by special act, when the general law limited the duration of corporations to forty years, and when such special act authorized it to perpetuate its existence. *Singer v. Wyman Memorial Assn.*, 138 Md. 406.

This section does not prohibit the legislature from imposing reasonable restrictions upon the qualified voters of the municipality. This section referred to in construing art. 1, sec. 1—see notes thereto. *Hanna v. Young*, 84 Md. 182.

This section referred to in upholding the title of the act of 1900, ch. 75, providing for the establishment of an electric light plant in Hagerstown—see notes to sec. 29. *Mealey v. Hagerstown*, 92 Md. 745.

This section referred to in deciding that the act of 1868, ch. 471, was a substitute for all existing general (corporation) laws on the same subject. *Montel v. Consolidation Coal Co.*, 39 Md. 170.

This section referred to in construing art. 15 of the Declaration of Rights—see notes thereto. *State v. B. & O. R. R. Co.*, 48 Md. 87 (dissenting opinion)

Cited but not construed in *Baltimore County Water Co v. Baltimore County*, 105 Md. 155.

See note to art. 3, sec. 33, Md. Constitution, and see art. 23, An. Code.

Sec. 49. The General Assembly shall have power to regulate by law, not inconsistent with this Constitution, all matters which relate to the Judges of Election, time, place and manner of holding elections in this State, and of making returns thereof.

This section does not require that election laws shall be uniform throughout the state; they must be free and equal to all persons entitled to vote—see notes to sec. 33. *Lankford v. Somerset County*, 73 Md. 117.

This section referred to in construing art. 4, sec. 11, and art. 5, sec. 2—see notes thereto. *Groome v. Gwinn*, 43 Md. 631 (concurring opinion).

Sec. 50. It shall be the duty of the General Assembly at its first session, held after the adoption of this Constitution, to provide by Law for the punishment, by fine, or imprisonment in the Penitentiary or both, in the discretion of the Court, of any person who shall bribe or attempt to bribe any Executive, or Judicial officer of the State of Maryland, or any member, or officer of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, or of any Municipal Corporation in the State of Maryland, or any Executive officer of such corporation, in order to influence him in the performance of any of his official duties; and also, to provide by Law for the punishment, by fine, or imprisonment in the Penitentiary, or both, in the discretion of the Court of any of said officers, or members, who shall demand or receive any bribe, fee, reward or testimonial for the performance of his official duties, or for neglecting or failing to perform the same; and also, to provide by Law for compelling any person so bribing, or attempting to bribe, or so demanding or receiving a bribe, fee, reward or testimonial, to testify against any person or persons who may have committed any of said offences; provided, that any person so compelled to testify shall be exempted from trial and punishment for the offence of which he may have been guilty; and any person convicted of such offense shall, as part of the punishment thereof, be forever disfranchised and disqualified from holding any office of trust or profit in this State.

See art. 27, sec. 31, *et seq.*, of the An. Code, and art. 1, sec. 3, Md. Constitution.

Sec. 51. The personal property of residents of this State shall be subject to taxation in the county or city where the resident *bona fide* resides for the