

COMPARISON OF CONSTITUTIONS

CONSTITUTION OF 1867	PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968
<p>(15) If any item of any appropriation bill passed under the provisions of this Section shall be held invalid upon any ground, such invalidity shall not affect the legality of the bill or of any other item of such bill or bills.</p> <p>Sec. 53. No person shall be incompetent, as a witness, on account of race or color, unless hereafter so declared by Act of the General Assembly.</p> <p>Sec. 54. No County of this State shall contract any debt, or obligation, in the construction of any Railroad, Canal, or other Work of Internal Improvement, nor give, or loan its credit to, or in aid of any association, or corporation, unless authorized by an Act of the General Assembly.</p> <p>Sec. 55. The General Assembly shall pass no Law suspending the privilege of the Writ of <i>Habeas Corpus</i>.</p> <p>Sec. 56. The General Assembly shall have power to pass all such Laws as may be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the powers vested, by this Constitution, in any Department, or office of the Government, and the duties imposed upon them thereby.</p> <p>Sec. 57. The Legal Rate of Interest shall be six per cent per annum; unless otherwise provided by the General Assembly.</p> <p>Sec. 58. The Legislature shall provide by Law for State and municipal taxation upon the revenues accruing from business done in the State by all foreign corporations.</p> <p>Sec. 59. The office of "State Pension Commissioner" is hereby abolished; and the Legislature shall pass no law creating such office, or establishing any general pension system within this State.</p> <p>Sec. 60. The General Assembly of Maryland shall have the power to provide by suitable general enactment (a) for the</p>	<p><i>See Section 1.03, Due Process and Equal Protection, p. 5.</i></p> <p>Section 7.10. Credit Limitations of Local Governments.</p> <p>The assets or credit of a unit of local government may be given or lent to any individual, association, or corporation only if a public purpose will be served thereby, and then subject to any other restrictions prescribed by law. The act of the governing body making the gift or loan shall state the public purpose to be served, and no gift of credit or loan of credit or loan of assets shall be made without the consent of three-fifths of the members of the governing body.</p> <p>Section 1.14. Habeas Corpus.</p> <p>The right to the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended.</p> <p><i>See Section 3.01, Legislative Power, p. 2.</i></p> <p><i>See Section 5.01, Judicial Power, p. 3; Section 5.03, Rule-Making Power, p. 56.</i></p>