

Sec. 17. Except when secrecy shall be required, the sittings of each House shall be public, and each House may punish any person not a member, for disorderly, or contemptuous behavior in their presence while in session, by fine, not exceeding fifty dollars, or imprisonment, not exceeding forty eight hours, for each and every such offence.

Sec. 18. The members of the Assembly shall receive from the State a compensation for their services to be ascertained by law.

Sec. 19. A Collector or holder of public moneys Assistant or deputy thereof, shall not be eligible to any office of profit or trust, until he shall have accounted for, and paid over, all sums for which he may be accountable; and no person who shall be convicted of having directly or indirectly, given or offered ^{or received} any bribe to procure his own election, or the election of any other person, or who shall be convicted of perjury or other infamous crime, shall be eligible to any office of honor, profit or trust within the State.

Sec. 20. The Assembly shall have power to make laws in all cases, both civil and criminal for the good government of the people of the State, not repugnant to the provisions of this Constitution, nor to the Constitution and laws of the general

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