

By Chapter 1 of the Acts of the Second Special Session of 1973, the Committee is required to receive emergency energy Executive Orders promulgated by the Governor. This legislative authority has been updated annually.

Chapter 776, Acts of 1973, removed the Committee as an adjunct of the Legislative Council. The Committee by law reports annually to the Council (now the Legislative Policy Committee) and the General Assembly.

The AELR Committee was added to the list of agencies that receive copies of all the rules of each State agency by Chapter 777, Acts of 1973. Chapter 778, Acts of 1973, provided that certain rules, regulations, or standards may be invalid unless submitted to the Committee (Code 1957, Art. 40, sec. 40A).

JOINT BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Victor L. Crawford

Vice-Chairperson: John W. Douglass

James Clark, Jr., *President of the Senate*

Rosalie S. Abrams, *Senate Majority Floor Leader*

Edward J. Mason, *Senate Minority Floor Leader*

Benjamin L. Cardin, *Speaker of the House of Delegates*

Donald B. Robertson, *House Majority Floor Leader*

Raymond E. Beck, *House Minority Floor Leader*

Members appointed by the President of the Senate: Aris T. Allen, Tommie Broadwater, Jr., Arthur H. Helton, Jr., Julian L. Lapidés, Edward J. Mason.

Members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates: Gerard F. Devlin, John R. Hargreaves, R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr., Robert R. Neall, Frank C. Robey, Jr.

The Joint Budget and Audit Committee, originally created by Chapter 456, Acts of 1968, had its membership changed by Chapter 227, Acts of 1971. It consists of twenty members, including the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the majority and minority floor leaders. The remaining members are

divided equally between legislators who serve on the fiscal committees in the Senate and the House of Delegates. The chairperson and vice chairperson are named by joint action of the presiding officers.

The Committee gives detailed review and study of budget analysis, the capital budget, fiscal policy, fiscal research, post audit, departmental operation and efficiency within State government, and other matters relating to fiscal matters. It receives annual reports on the effect of long-term State debt on the State's financial condition from the Executive Department and the Department of Fiscal Services. The Committee also reviews annually federally-funded projects requiring future State funds and nonbudgeted funds used for capital programs, reviews rules and regulations that require increased expenditures, establishes policies and directives for the Department of Fiscal Services, and submits an annual report to the General Assembly (Code 1957, secs. 54-56B).

JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Co-Chairperson: Kay G. Bienen

Co-Chairperson: Julian L. Lapidés

Members from the Senate: John A. Cade, Victor Cushwa, Dennis F. Rasmussen.

Members from the House of Delegates: William H. Amoss, Raymond E. Beck, Marilyn Goldwater.

Ex officio members: James Clark, Jr., *President of the Senate*; Benjamin L. Cardin, *Speaker of the House*.

The Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics was established by Chapter 5, Acts of 1972. The Committee consists of ten members, five from the Senate and five from the House of Delegates. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates serve ex officio and they appoint the remaining members who serve at the pleasure of the President and the Speaker.

The function of the Committee is to render advisory opinions and promulgate rules of legislative ethics with respect to conflicts of interest governing members of the General Assembly. These rules are effective on a year-round basis (Code 1957, Art. 40, secs. 89-91).