

The Legislative Policy Committee is required to compile and make public in a report to the General Assembly recommendations of the standing, statutory, and special committees prior to each regular session of the legislature.

The Committee consists of twenty-six members, thirteen from the Senate and thirteen from the House of Delegates. The Senate is represented by the President of the Senate; chairpersons of the standing committees on Budget and Taxation, Economic and Environmental Affairs, Finance, and Judicial Proceedings; President Pro Tem; Majority Leader; and Minority Leader. The President appoints five additional members to represent the various areas and interests of the State. The House of Delegates is represented by the Speaker of the House; chairpersons of the standing committees on Appropriations, Constitutional and Administrative Law, Economic Matters, Environmental Matters, Judiciary, and Ways and Means; Speaker Pro Tem; Majority Leader; and Minority Leader. The Speaker appoints three additional members to represent the various areas and interests of the State. The President and Speaker serve as co-chairpersons (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-401 through 2-410).

### **JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW**

*Senate Chairperson:* James C. Simpson

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The Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review (AELR Committee) was created in 1964 as a joint standing committee known as the Committee on Legislative Review (Chapter 96, Acts of 1964). It was renamed the Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review in 1972 (Chapters 400 and 699, Acts of 1972).

The Committee primarily reviews the rules and regulations that are adopted by any State agency as to intrusion on the legislative prerogative and

as to the issue of procedural due process. The Committee also may inquire into the failure of an officer or employee of either the legislative, executive, or judicial branches of State government to comply with the statutory or constitutional law of the State. Further, the Committee sits as a legislative advisory board for the Code of Maryland Regulations and COMAR publications of the Division of State Documents of the Office of the Secretary of State.

The AELR Committee receives copies of all rules of each State agency. Unless submitted to the Committee, certain rules, regulations, or standards may be invalid.

The Committee is required to receive emergency executive orders promulgated by the Governor (Chapter 1, Acts of 2nd Special Session of 1973). This legislative authority has been updated annually.

By law, the Committee reports annually to the Legislative Policy Committee and the General Assembly.

The Committee is composed of eight Senators and eight members of the House of Delegates, all of whom are appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates at the beginning of each regular session. Members serve for one year. The chairperson and vice-chairperson alternate each year between the two Houses. Representation of each political party is approximately in the same proportion as their membership in each House (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-501 through 2-507).

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