

officials and employees with one another, and the exchange and clearance of research and information.

The Committee consists of sixteen members, with eight members of the Senate appointed by the President and eight members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House designate the chairperson and vice-chairperson (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-901 through 2-906).

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON FEDERAL-STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS

not yet appointed

The Advisory Commission on Federal-State-Local Relations meets from time to time to consider issues of concern to the Joint Committee on Federal Relations. The Advisory Commission consists of an equal number of members of the Senate and House of Delegates appointed, respectively, by the President and the Speaker (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-907 through 2-909).

JOINT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT

Co-Chairperson: Catherine I. Riley

Co-Chairperson: Thomas A. Rymer

Senate members: Leo E. Green; Paula C. Hollinger; Thomas Patrick O'Reilly; James C. Simpson.

House members: Mary A. Conroy; Charles J. Ryan; Virginia M. Thomas; Larry Young.

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The Joint Committee on Health Care Cost Containment was created in 1985 (Chapter 109, Acts of 1985). Prior to the publication of proposed regulations in the *Maryland Register*, the Committee reviews any proposed regulations relating to hospital closures, mergers, and consolidations, as well as minimum standards for hospital patient utilization review programs. The Committee also may consider and review issues relating to the State Health Resources Planning Commission, the State Health Services Cost Review Commission, the certificate of need process, the State Health Plan,

studies on the availability of health care cost services, and other issues relating to health care cost containment.

The Committee is comprised of five senators appointed by the President of the Senate, and five delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Authorization for the Committee continues until June 1, 1990.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Co-Chairperson: Julian L. Lapidis

Co-Chairperson: Joel Chasnoff

Senate members: Michael J. Collins; Howard A. Denis; Bernie Fowler; Gerald W. Winegrad.

House members: John C. Astle; Peter G. Callas; Louis L. DePazzo; Donald F. Munson.

Ex officio: Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., *President of the Senate*; Joseph F. Vallario, Jr., *designee of Speaker of the House of Delegates*.

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The Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics was established in 1972 (Chapter 5, Acts of 1972). The Committee renders advisory opinions and promulgates 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.

The Committee consists of twelve members, six from the Senate and six from the House of Delegates. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates serve *ex officio*. They appoint the remaining members and chairpersons. At least one member of the Senate and one of the House are chosen from the party of the Minority Leader (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-701 through 2-707).

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Senate Chairperson: Leo E. Green

House Chairperson: Gary R. Alexander