

The Committee is composed of nine senators and nine delegates, who are appointed by the Senate President and the House Speaker 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 its membership in each house (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-501 through 2-507).

JOINT BUDGET & AUDIT COMMITTEE

Julian L. Lapidès, *Senate Chairperson*
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The Joint Budget and Audit Committee was established in 1968 (Chapter 456, Acts of 1968). The Committee studies and reviews State fiscal policies and post audits, and other matters relating to fiscal affairs. From the Executive Department and the Department of Fiscal Services it receives annual reports on how long-term State debt affects the State's financial condition.

Annually, the Committee reviews federally funded projects requiring future State funds and nonbudgeted funds used for capital programs. It also reviews rules and regulations that require increased expenditures and establishes policies and directives for the Department of Fiscal Services.

The Committee's twenty members include the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the majority and minority floor leaders or designees. Other members are divided equally between legislators from the fiscal committees of the Senate and House of Delegates. The presiding officers name the chairperson and vice-chairperson (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-601 through 2-606).

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREAS

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The Joint Committee on Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas was authorized in 1984 (Chapter 794, Acts of 1984). Periodically, the Committee meets with the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission to review the progress of the critical areas program for the Bay.

The Committee consists of ten members: five senators appointed by the Senate President and five delegates appointed by the House Speaker (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 8-1808).

JOINT COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS

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after regular session convenes.*

The Joint Committee on Federal Relations originated as the Maryland Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation in 1937 (Chapter 331, Acts of 1937). The Commission was reorganized under its current name in 1983 (Chapter 401, Acts of 1983). The Committee monitors and evaluates the relations between State and federal government and the impact on the State, local government, and Maryland citizens of proposals to alter those relations. It keeps State legislative and executive officials informed of federal relations and the impact of proposals for change. The Committee serves also as a forum for considering certain State-local issues.

To advance cooperation between the State and other units of government, the Committee proposes adoption of compacts, and uniform or reciprocal administrative rules; and enactment of uniform or reciprocal laws. The Committee also endorses informal cooperation of governmental offices, personal cooperation of government officials and employees, and the exchange and clearance of research and information.

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

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON FEDERAL-STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS

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The Advisory Commission on Federal-State-Local Relations considers issues of concern to the Joint Committee on Federal Relations.

The Advisory Commission consists of thirteen members. They include four members of the Senate and four of the House of Delegates appointed,