

The Board consists of five ex officio members (Code 1957, Art. 33, secs. 18-1, 18-2).

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**CAPITAL DEBT AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE**

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*Chair:* Richard N. Dixon, State Treasurer

*Appointed by Governor:* Paul B. Meritt

*Ex officio:* Louis L. Goldstein, Comptroller of the Treasury; Frederick W. Puddester, Secretary of Budget & Management; David L. Winstead, Secretary of Transportation.

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*Annual Estimate to Governor & General Assembly of new State debt that may be authorized for next fiscal year due Sept. 10*

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The Capital Debt Affordability Committee was authorized in 1978 (Chapter 43, Acts of 1978). On a continuing basis, the Committee reviews the size and condition of the State tax-supported debt, as well as other debt of State units, including the University of Maryland System, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and Baltimore City Community College.

Annually, the Committee submits to the Governor and the General Assembly its estimate of the maximum amount of new general obligation debt that prudently may be authorized for the ensuing fiscal year. In making this estimate, the Committee considers: 1) the amount of general obligation debt that will be issued and outstanding during that next fiscal year; 2) the amount of general obligation debt that will be authorized but unissued during such fiscal year; 3) the capital program plan prepared by the Department of Budget and Management for the ensuing five fiscal years; 4) projections of school construction and capital improvement needs prepared by the Interagency Committee on School Construction for the ensuing five fiscal years; 5) projections of debt service requirements for the ensuing ten fiscal years; 6) other factors relevant to the ability of the State to meet its projected debt service requirements for the ensuing five years; 7) criteria established or used by recognized bond rating agencies in judging the quality of State bond issues; 8) other factors relevant to the marketability of State bonds; and 9) the effect of additional debt authorizations on each of the factors enumerated above. The Committee's estimate is advisory and not binding upon the Governor, the Board of Public Works, or the General Assembly.

The Committee has four ex officio members and one member appointed by the Governor. The State Treasurer is the chair (Code State Finance and Procurement Article, secs. 8-104 through 8-116).

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**TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE STATE'S CEMETERY & FUNERAL INDUSTRY**

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Edward M. Ranier, Esq., *Chair*

*Appointed by Governor (who names chair):* Rebecca G. Bowman, Esq.; Charles S. Brown; Earl L. Canapp; Judith B. Donaldson; Margot G. Gilson; David M. Goodman; Frank R. Haswell; Joe Jenkins III; Michael R. Lachance; Lisa E. Maddux, Esq.; Frank J. Markowski; Thomas J. Murphy III; Frank A. Porter; John E. Smialek, M.D.; Sheila G. Stewart-Duncan; Harriet K. Suskin; Linda Whitby, M.D.

*Appointed by Senate President:* John J. Hafer; Martin G. Madden; Decatur W. Trotter.

*Appointed by House Speaker:* Hattie N. Harrison; Dan K. Morhaim; C. Anthony Muse.

*Ex officio:* Susan E. Elson, designee of Secretary of State.

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*Report to Governor & General Assembly due Jan. 1, 1997.*

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The Task Force to Examine the State's Cemetery and Funeral Industry was organized in 1996 (Chapter 209, Acts of 1996).

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**TASK FORCE ON CHARITABLE GIVING (MARYLAND GIVES!)**

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*Appointed by Governor (who names chair):* not yet appointed

*Appointed by Senate President:* one vacancy

*Appointed by House Speaker:* one vacancy

*Ex officio:* John T. Willis, Secretary of State

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State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401 (410) 974-5534

*Annual Report to Governor & General Assembly due Dec. 1 (through 2001).*

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The Task Force on Charitable Giving (known as Maryland Gives!) was formed in 1996 (Chapter 383, Acts of 1996). The Task Force is to develop a strategy to increase contributions to charities in Maryland by individuals and corporations. Authorization for the Task Force ends December 1, 2001 (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 18-310).