

*Legislative Investigating Committees: Code of Fair Procedures***62. Establishment and Purpose of Code.**

A code of fair procedures for legislative investigating committees is hereby ~~establish~~ ESTABLISHED to provide for their operation in a manner which will enable them to execute properly the powers and duties vested in them, including the conduct of hearings in a fair and impartial manner, consistent with protection of the constitutional rights of persons involved in their proceedings and preservation of the public good.

**63. Definitions.**

As used in this subtitle:

(a) "Investigating Committee" means any of the following which has the power to compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses or the production of books, records, papers and documents to secure information on a specific subject for the use of the General Assembly:

1. A standing ~~or select~~ committee of either house of the General Assembly.
2. A joint committee of both houses.
3. A subcommittee of a STANDING OR JOINT legislative committee.
4. The Legislative Council or any of its committees or subcommittees, when acting at the direction of the General Assembly.
5. ~~Any body created by law, the members of which may include nonlegislators.~~

(b) "Hearing" means any meeting in the course of an investigatory proceeding, other than a preliminary conference or interview at which no testimony is taken under oath, conducted by an investigating committee for the purpose of taking or adducing testimony or receiving other evidence.

**64. Establishment of Investigating Committees by the General Assembly.**

(A) AN INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE MAY ONLY BE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION ~~OR LAW~~ OF EITHER HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

~~(a)~~ (B) An investigating committee may exercise its powers during sessions of the General Assembly, and also in the interim between sessions when so provided by law or by the resolution or law by which the committee was established or from which it derives its investigatory powers.

~~(b)~~ (C) The resolution ~~or law~~ establishing an investigating committee shall state the committee's purposes, powers, duties, and duration, the subject matter, and scope of its investigatory authority, and the number of its members.

**65. Adoption of Rules.**

Each investigating committee shall adopt rules, not inconsistent with law or any applicable rules of the General Assembly, governing its procedures, including the conduct of hearings.