

66. Finance and Staff.

Each investigating committee may employ professional, technical, clerical or other personnel as necessary for the proper performance of its duties, to the extent of funds made available to it for such purpose and subject to such restrictions and procedures relating thereto as may be provided by law or any applicable rules of the General Assembly.

67. Membership, Quorum and Voting.

(a) An investigating committee shall consist of not less than five members.

(b) A quorum shall consist of a majority of the total authorized membership of the committee.

(c) No action shall be taken by a committee at any meeting unless a quorum is present. Unless it is specified in this subtitle ~~or any other law~~ that action must be taken by a majority or greater vote of all of the members of the committee, action may be taken by a majority vote of the members present and voting at a meeting at which there is a quorum.

68. Hearings.

(a) An investigating committee may hold hearings as it deems appropriate for the performance of its duties, at such times and places as the committee determines.

(b) The committee shall provide by its rules that its members be given at least three days' written notice of any hearing to be held when the General Assembly is in session and at least seven days' written notice of any hearing to be held when the General Assembly is not in session. Such notices shall include a statement of the subject matter of the hearing. A hearing, and any action there taken, shall not be deemed invalid solely because notice was not given in accordance with this requirement.

(c) A hearing shall not be conducted by any investigating committee unless a quorum is present.

69. Issuance of Subpoenas.

(a) By a majority vote of all of its members, an investigating committee may issue subpoenas, including subpoenas duces tecum, requiring the appearance of persons, production of relevant records, and the giving of relevant testimony.

(b) A person subpoenaed to attend a hearing of an investigating committee shall receive the same fees and allowances as a person subpoenaed to give testimony in an action pending in a court of record.

70. Notice to Witnesses.

(a) Service of a subpoena authorized by this subtitle shall be made in the manner provided by law for the service of subpoenas in civil actions at least seven days prior to the time fixed in the subpoena for appearance or production of records. ~~unless a shorter period of time is authorized by majority vote of all of the members~~