

NUMBER OF MEMBERS ELECTED TO THE HOUSE OR SENATE AND APPLYING THE SAME RATIO TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE, RESOLVING ANY FRACTION TO THE NEAREST WHOLE NUMBER. IN NO CASE SHALL THE MINORITY PARTY REPRESENTATION BE LESS THAN ONE. IN ALTERNATE YEARS THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER SHALL NAME THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, ALTERNATING BETWEEN MEMBERS FROM THE TWO HOUSES.

(C) THE COMMITTEE MAY INQUIRE INTO ANY FAILURE, ACTUAL OR ALLEGED, OF AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF EITHER THE LEGISLATIVE, EXECUTIVE, OR JUDICIAL BRANCHES OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE STATUTORY OR CONSTITUTIONAL LAW OF THE STATE. IT MAY REVIEW THE RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH ARE ADOPTED AND PROMULGATED BY ANY OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, OR OTHER AGENCIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH **[** IN ORDER TO STUDY THE LEGALITY OF THEIR ADOPTION AND CONTENT; **]** **[** AND IT **]** IT MAY REVIEW THE OPERATIONS AND CONTROLS OF ANY SUCH DEPARTMENT, BOARD, COMMISSION, OR OTHER AGENCY, MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THESE OPERATIONS AND CONTROLS.

(D) THE COMMITTEE IS AN ADJUNCT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, BY WHICH IT SHALL BE SUPPLIED WITH FUNDS, STAFF ASSISTANCE, AND PROCEDURAL AID; AND THE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO THE SAME POWERS AS ARE GIVEN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN SECTION 30 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(E) AT LEAST ONCE EACH YEAR THE COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ITS WORK AND STUDIES OF THE YEAR, TOGETHER WITH ANY RECOMMENDATIONS IT MAY HAVE FOR THE MORE EFFECTIVE OPERATIONS OF THE THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE STATUTORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW OF MARYLAND. *THE REPORT SHALL ALSO INCLUDE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE ACTION NECESSARY TO MODIFY, CHANGE OR REVERSE ANY RULE, REGULATION OR STANDARD WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS CONSIDERED.*

(F) *AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF ANY RULE, REGULATION, OR STANDARD BY ANY OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, OR OTHER AGENCIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, THE RULE, REGULATION OR STANDARD SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, THE SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSED RULE, REGULATION OR STANDARD TO THE COMMITTEE SHALL NOT PREVENT THE ADOPTION AND PROMULGATION OF SUCH RULE, REGULATION OR STANDARD BY THE DEPARTMENT, BOARD, COMMISSION OR OTHER AGENCY.*