

approval of the Legislative Policy Committee, may administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of any papers, books, accounts, documents and testimony, and cause the deposition of witnesses, residing either within or without the State, to be taken in the manner prescribed by law or rule of procedure for taking depositions in civil actions. If any person fails to comply with a subpoena issued by the Legislative Policy Committee, or any standing committee as permitted by this section, or if any witness fails to testify on any matters on which the person may be lawfully interrogated, the circuit court of any county, or an appropriate court of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, on application of a member of the committee, shall compel obedience by proceedings for contempt. False swearing by any witness before the [Legislative] LEGISLATIVE Policy Committee or any standing committee constitutes and is punishable as perjury.

37.

The recommendations of the standing committees, statutory committees, and special committees appointed by the Legislative Policy Committee shall be completed, compiled and made public, together with the reports relating to the recommendations[, at least 30 days] prior to any session of the General Assembly at which these recommendations are to be submitted. A copy of the recommendations and reports shall be mailed to each member of the General Assembly, to each elective State officer, and to the State Library.

38.

-{The expenditures of the Legislative Policy Committee shall be as provided in the annual operating budget.-}- THE SUBJECT TO AN APPROPRIATION IN THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OR A BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVED PURSUANT TO BUDGET AMENDMENT PROCEDURES IN EFFECT BETWEEN SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE committee LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE may accept gifts, grants, contributions, and research funds from any public or private department or agency for purposes related to the work and activities of the committee, or of any of the standing, statutory, or special committees and subcommittees functioning when the General Assembly is not in session, and it may expend these funds for those purposes.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved February 23, 1979.

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