

severable, and that it would have enacted such remaining portions if the invalid portions had not been included in this subtitle.]

JOINT COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS

15.

THERE IS A JOINT COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS.

16.

(A) THE JOINT COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF 16 MEMBERS, WITH 8 MEMBERS OF THE SENATE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND 8 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER.

(B) THE PRESIDENT SHALL APPOINT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE MEMBERS. THE SPEAKER SHALL APPOINT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE MEMBERS. THE PRESIDENT AND SPEAKER JOINTLY SHALL APPOINT THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

17.

THE JOINT COMMITTEE SHALL:

(1) MONITOR AND EVALUATE THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE STATE AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE IMPACT OF PROPOSALS TO ALTER THOSE RELATIONSHIPS ON THE STATE, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND THE CITIZENRY;

(2) INFORM THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE OFFICIALS OF THE STATE AND OTHERS AS APPROPRIATE WITH RESPECT TO FEDERAL RELATIONS AND THE IMPACT OF PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE;

(3) SERVE AS A FORUM FOR CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN STATE-LOCAL ISSUES;

~~(3)~~ (4) ENDEAVOR TO ADVANCE COOPERATION BETWEEN THIS STATE AND OTHER UNITS OF GOVERNMENT WHENEVER IT SEEMS ADVISABLE TO DO SO BY FORMULATING PROPOSALS FOR, AND BY FACILITATING:

(I) THE ADOPTION OF COMPACTS;

(II) THE ENACTMENT OF UNIFORM OR RECIPROCAL STATUTES;

(III) THE ADOPTION OF UNIFORM OR RECIPROCAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OR REGULATIONS;

(IV) THE INFORMAL COOPERATION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES WITH ONE ANOTHER;

(V) THE PERSONAL COOPERATION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES WITH ONE ANOTHER, INDIVIDUALLY;

(VI) THE INTERCHANGE AND CLEARANCE OF RESEARCH AND INFORMATION; AND