

APPOINTEES shall serve at the pleasure of the [President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House] APPOINTING AUTHORITIES.

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(A) It is the function of the committee:

[(1) To promulgate rules of legislative ethics which do not conflict with the provisions of Article 40A with respect to conflicts of interest governing members of the General Assembly. The rules shall be presented by a joint resolution and become effective after adoption by a constitutional majority of each house voting separately. The rules shall be effective on a year-round basis and may supplement the provisions of Article 40A. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates may refer any matters to the committee which they deem appropriate.

(2) To issue guidelines and establish procedures for the implementation of rules adopted.

(3) To issue advisory opinions upon request of members of the General Assembly regarding legislative ethics concerning an action taken or contemplated by any member.

(4) To maintain public records as the rules require.]

(1) TO PERFORM ALL DUTIES ASSIGNED TO IT BY LAW OR BY LEGISLATIVE RULES;

(2) FROM TIME TO TIME, TO RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDING OFFICERS ANY CHANGES IN OR AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF LEGISLATIVE ETHICS;

(3) ON THE REQUEST OF ANY MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO ISSUE ADVISORY OPINIONS REGARDING THE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS OF AN ACTION TAKEN OR CONTEMPLATED TO BE TAKEN BY THE MEMBER;

(4) THE COMMITTEE ON ITS OWN MOTION MAY RENDER ADVISORY OPINIONS AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY;

(5) TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OR SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, AT THEIR REQUEST, CONCERNING MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE;

(6) AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY, TO ISSUE GUIDELINES AND ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RULES OF LEGISLATIVE ETHICS; AND

(7) TO MAINTAIN THE PUBLIC RECORDS AS THE RULES MAY REQUIRE.

(B) (1) PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF LEGISLATIVE ETHICS SHALL BE PRESENTED BY A JOINT RESOLUTION AND BECOME