

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the phrase "full authorized membership" is substituted for the former, ambiguous reference to the "entire membership", which could be read either as all of the authorized members or all of the members then serving. The President and the Speaker have indicated that the substituted phrase reflects the intent of the former reference.

Subsection (a)(2) of this section is revised to require members to "concur" in an action, rather than "approv[e]" the action, since the action may be disapproval.

In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the reference to "8 members" is substituted for the former reference to "six members". The former reference was a majority of the quorum of the Committee as created by Ch. 362, Acts of 1976, but was less than a majority of the quorum of the Committee as constituted after the increase in its membership by Ch. 3, Acts of 1979. The President and the Speaker have indicated that the failure to amend the voting requirement in former Art. 40, § 35, to reflect the increased membership under former Art. 40, § 27(a), was inadvertent.

Also in subsection (a)(2) of this section, the word "substantive", which formerly modified "act", is deleted since the President and the Speaker have indicated that the requirement of subsection (a)(2) of this section applies generally to the actions of the Committee and is not confined only to those actions that are "substantive".

In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the reference to the "times and places that its cochairmen determine" is substituted for the former reference to "a place [the Committee] designates", which was silent as to the times of meetings and imposed the duty on the Committee, as a whole, to select a meeting place. The substituted language conforms to practice.

Defined term: "Committee" § 2-401

2-407. FUNCTIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

THE COMMITTEE HAS THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:

- (1) TO REVIEW THE WORK OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES;
- (2) TO COLLECT INFORMATION ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE STATE;