

branch of the legislature. If it is considered inappropriate by the presiding officer for any member of the investigating committee to consider a particular matter, the presiding officer shall appoint a substitute member for the purposes of that matter.

(c) The investigating committee thus created and constituted shall perform the functions assigned under this Part II and consider such other matters relating to that branch of the legislature as may be assigned to it by the presiding officers acting jointly or by the presiding officer of that branch with the approval of the minority leader of that branch. The investigating committee shall perform no other function.]

#### 15-519. HEARING PROCEDURES.

(A) THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE SHALL ADOPT WRITTEN PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING A HEARING TO CONSIDER A COMPLAINT, ALLEGATION SUMMARY, AND WRITTEN ANSWER, IF ANY, AS PROVIDED IN § 15-518(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) THE WRITTEN PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION:

- (1) SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION;
- (2) SHALL BE PROVIDED TO EACH LEGISLATOR WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF A HEARING;
- (3) SHALL AUTHORIZE A LEGISLATOR TO:
  - (I) BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL;
  - (II) CROSS-EXAMINE WITNESSES; AND
  - (III) SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE IN ITS WRITTEN PROCEDURES, BE PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO REASONABLY INSPECT ANY RECORDS THAT THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE INTENDS TO USE DURING THE HEARING; AND
- (4) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (1) AND (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, MAY BE AMENDED BY THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE AT ANY TIME.

(C) (1) (I) IF THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE DETERMINES THAT A HEARING IS REQUIRED UNDER § 15-518(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE, BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE, MAY ISSUE ONE OR MORE SUBPOENAS THAT REQUIRE THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON, THE PRODUCTION OF RELEVANT RECORDS, AND THE GIVING OF RELEVANT TESTIMONY.

(II) IF THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE EXERCISES SUBPOENA POWERS UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH, THE LEGISLATOR WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE INVESTIGATION MAY REQUIRE THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE TO ISSUE ONE OR MORE SUBPOENAS ON THAT LEGISLATOR'S BEHALF.

(2) A REQUEST TO APPEAR, APPEARANCE, OR SUBMISSION OF EVIDENCE DOES NOT LIMIT THE SUBPOENA POWER OF THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE.