

(3) IF A REQUEST IS UNCLEAR OR INCOMPLETE, THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE MAY SEEK ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE LEGISLATOR.

(4) (I) THE COUNSEL TO THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE SHALL PREPARE FOR THE COMMITTEE A RESPONSE TO EACH WRITTEN REQUEST FOR AN OPINION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(II) EACH RESPONSE SHALL DISCUSS ALL APPLICABLE LAWS, RULES, OR OTHER STANDARDS.

(5) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (6)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN OPINION MUST BE APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE.

(6) (I) THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE MAY APPROVE AN OPINION ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE IF THEY DETERMINE THAT THE OPINION IS CONSISTENT WITH PRIOR PRECEDENT AND THEREFORE DOES NOT REQUIRE CONSIDERATION BY THE FULL COMMITTEE.

(II) AN OPINION FOR WHICH APPROVAL BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH IS ANTICIPATED SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH MEMBER OF THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE NOT LATER THAN THE NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE.

(III) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IF A CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE IS THE LEGISLATOR REQUESTING THE OPINION, THE OPINION MUST BE APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE.

(B) THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE IS NOT REQUIRED TO ISSUE AN OPINION IF THE REQUEST IS NOT MADE IN A TIMELY MANNER.

(C) THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE ON ITS OWN MOTION MAY RENDER OPINIONS AS IT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

(D) (1) THE CO-CHAIRMEN SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER AN OPINION SHALL BE MADE PUBLIC, WITH DELETIONS AND CHANGES NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE LEGISLATOR'S IDENTITY.

(2) (I) THE COUNSEL TO THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE SHALL COMPILE AND INDEX EACH OPINION THAT WILL BE MADE PUBLIC.

(II) THE COMPILATION OF OPINIONS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

(E) THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE MAY TAKE NO ADVERSE ACTION WITH REGARD TO CONDUCT THAT HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN IN RELIANCE ON A WRITTEN OPINION IF THE CONDUCT CONFORMS TO THE SPECIFIC FACTS ADDRESSED IN THE OPINION.

(F) INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE BY A LEGISLATOR SEEKING ADVICE REGARDING PROSPECTIVE CONDUCT MAY NOT BE