

*Department of Fiscal Services  
Joint Budget and Audit Committee*

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*The Joint Budget and Audit Committee of the General Assembly is created, with the members, powers, duties, and functions provided in this subtitle.*

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*(a) There shall be fourteen members of the Committee, seven of whom are members of the Senate Finance Committee, and seven of whom are members of the House Ways and Means Committee.*

*(b) The two sets of members shall be appointed respectively by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates. Appointments shall be made not later than April 1 at the end of each regular session of the General Assembly. Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled promptly by the President or the Speaker, as the case may be.*

*(c) Members of the Committee shall be appointed on the basis of demonstrated ability and interest in the functions described and covered in this subtitle. The President and the Speaker, in making appointments from time to time, shall take into account, and provide for representation thereon for, persons residing in the several major areas in the State.*

*(d) The Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee shall be among those appointed to membership on the Joint Budget and Audit Committee. By agreement between the President and the Speaker, one of these persons shall be the chairman, and the other shall be the vice-chairman, of the Joint Budget and Audit Committee during any four-year elective period of a General Assembly. During successive four-year periods, the chairmanship and the vice-chairmanship shall alternate between the Senate and House members; except that by agreement between the President and the Speaker, the alternation may be postponed. By agreement with the President or the Speaker, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee or the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee may designate another member of his respective committee to serve in his stead on the Joint Budget and Audit Committee.*

*(e) The Minority Floor Leader in the Senate, or his designee, and the Minority Floor Leader in the House, or his designee, shall be among those appointed to membership on the Joint Budget and Audit Committee.*

*(f) The Joint Budget and Audit Committee, by general rule, shall establish requirements for the faithful attendance and perseverance of its members. The failure of any member to comply with these requirements shall be reported promptly to the President or the Speaker, as the case may be. Upon receiving such notification, the President or the Speaker forthwith shall notify the member that he is removed from the Committee, and another person with the proper qualifications promptly shall be appointed in his place.*

*(g) Members of the Joint Budget and Audit Committee shall receive per diem payments and compensation for expenses from Legis-*