

- (3) THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, BUREAU OR FORCE OF ANY COUNTY; OR
- (4) THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, BUREAU OR FORCE OF ANY INCORPORATED CITY OR TOWN; OR
- (5) THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF ANY COUNTY; OR
- (6) THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, BUREAU [[OF]] OR FORCE OF ANY BI-COUNTY AGENCY~~[[. ]]~~ OR THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND.

(C) "INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE" MEANS A COMMITTEE FROM WITHIN A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WHICH IS AUTHORIZED TO HOLD A HEARING ON A COMPLAINT AGAINST A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND WHICH CONSISTS OF NOT LESS THAN THREE ~~[[MEMEBERS]]~~ MEMBERS WHO HAVE HAD NO PART IN THE INVESTIGATION OR INTERROGATION OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

(D) "HEARING" MEANS ANY MEETING IN THE COURSE OF AN INVESTIGATORY PROCEEDING, OTHER THAN AN INTERROGATION, AT WHICH NO TESTIMONY IS TAKEN UNDER OATH, CONDUCTED BY AN INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAKING OR ADDUCING TESTIMONY OR RECEIVING OTHER EVIDENCE.

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(A) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HAS THE SAME RIGHTS TO ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY AS ARE AFFORDED TO ANY STATE EMPLOYEE. THIS RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHEN HE IS ON DUTY OR WHEN HE IS ACTING IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY.

(B) WHENEVER A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IS UNDER INVESTIGATION OR SUBJECTED TO INTERROGATION BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, FOR ANY REASON WHICH COULD LEAD TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION, DEMOTION OR DISMISSAL, THE INVESTIGATION OR INTERROGATION SHALL BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

(1) THE INTERROGATION SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT A REASONABLE HOUR, PREFERABLY AT A TIME WHEN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IS ON DUTY, UNLESS THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE INVESTIGATION IS OF SUCH A DEGREE THAT AN IMMEDIATE INTERROGATION IS REQUIRED.

(2) THE INTERROGATION SHALL TAKE PLACE EITHER AT THE OFFICE OF THE COMMAND OF THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER OR AT THE OFFICE OF THE LOCAL PRECINCT OR POLICE UNIT IN WHICH THE INCIDENT ALLEGEDLY OCCURRED, AS DESIGNATED BY THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER, UNLESS OTHERWISE WAIVED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.