

THE TWO]] [[HOUSES]].

(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 following organization of the two houses and their committees during 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) From time to time, the President and the Speaker by joint action shall name the chairman and the vice-chairman of the 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.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 15, 1975.