to audits covering fiscal and calendar years ending subsequent to July 1, 1977. The audit by the Legislative Auditor shall not be duplicated by any other independent audit, and when the legislative audit is performed, the agency being audited is relieved of the need for an additional independent audit.

SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 26, 1977.

CHAPTER 780

(House Bill 577)

AN ACT concerning

General Assembly - Oaths Investigative Powers

FOR the purpose of permitting eaths to be administered to persons by certain governing bodies of the General Assembly to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, take testimony, and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence; and providing for a certain enforcement procedure in the event of noncompliance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 40 - General Assembly Section 30 Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 30 of Article 40 - General Assembly, cf the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) te and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 40 - General Assembly

30.

In the discharge of any of its functions or powers, the Legislative Policy Committee, or any of the standing committees [functioning when] OF the General Assembly [is not in session_], subject to the prior approval of the Legislative Policy Committee—]—, may administer oaths, issue subpcenas, compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of any papers, books, accounts, documents