

Speaker of the House of Delegates, each with the approval of the respective house of the General Assembly, shall appoint respectively five Senators and five Delegates to comprise the committee until the following year.

(2) The number of Senators and the number of Delegates of each political party shall be approximately in the same proportion as their membership in each house.

(3) In alternate years the President and the Speaker shall name the chairman of the committee, alternating between members from the two houses.

(c) The committee may:

(1) [inquire] INQUIRE into any failure, actual or alleged, of [an] ANY officer or employee of either the legislative, executive, or judicial branches of the State government to comply with the statutory or constitutional law of the State[. It may review];

(2) REVIEW the rules and regulations which are adopted and promulgated by any [of the several departments, boards, commissions, or other agencies] DEPARTMENT, BOARD, COMMISSION, OR OTHER AGENCY of the executive branch[. It may review];

(3) REVIEW the operations and controls of any [such] department, board, commission, or other agency OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, making recommendations in the discretion of the committee for improvements in these operations and controls.

(d) [The committee shall be supplied with staff assistance and procedural aid from the Department of Legislative Reference, and the committee members shall be reimbursed for their expenses incurred on committee business from the General Legislative Expenses Fund as administered by the Legislative Accounting Office; and the committee has also the same powers as are given the Legislative Policy Committee in § 30 of this article.

(e) (1) At least once each year the committee shall report to the members of the [Legislative Council] LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE and of the General Assembly of its work and studies of the year, together with any recommendations it may have for the more effective operations of the three branches of government within the framework of the statutory and constitutional law of Maryland.

(2) The report shall also include any recommendations for appropriate legislative action necessary to modify, change or reverse any rule, regulation or standard which the committee has considered.