

(E) (1) THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE SUPPLIED WITH STAFF ASSISTANCE AND PROCEDURAL AID FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE.

(2) 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.

(3) THE COMMITTEE ALSO HAS THE SAME POWERS AS ARE GIVEN THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE IN § 30 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(f) (1) At least 45 days prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule, regulation, or standard by any [of the several departments, boards, commissions, or other agencies] DEPARTMENT, BOARD, COMMISSION, OR OTHER AGENCY of the executive branch, the rule, regulation, or standard shall be submitted to the committee as provided in Article 41, § 256-1.

(2) (I) The rule, regulation or standard is not effective until so submitted.

(II) However, the submission of the proposed rule, regulation, or standard to the committee does not prevent the adoption and promulgation of the rule, regulation, or standard by the department, board, commission or other agency after the 45-day period.

(g) (1) If the adopting agency declares the rule, regulation, or standard necessary as an emergency measure, the rule, regulation, or standard may become effective immediately after submission to the committee [if approved] AND AFTER APPROVAL by any one of the following:

(i) A majority of the committee members present and voting at a [regularly constituted] PUBLIC meeting; or

(ii) The chairman, or, if he is unavailable THEN THE[;]

[(iii) The] vice-chairman; or

[(iv)] (III) The member of the committee assigned to review the request and the chairman, or if he is unavailable, then the vice-chairman.

(2) Approval may be secured by the committee [reporter] STAFF either in writing, personally, or by telephone.

(3) (I) If any member of the committee objects to the emergency adoption of the rule, [waiver of the usual time period] APPROVAL may not be given to the adopting agency until a public hearing is held (II) IF SUCH A PUBLIC