

(i) Model provisions for local governments. -- The Commission shall adopt by regulation model provisions for local governments relating to conflicts of interest, financial disclosure, and lobbyist regulation which may be adopted by any local jurisdiction or which may be imposed upon any local jurisdiction pursuant to § 6-501 of this article.

(j) Oaths and subpoenas. -- The Commission and the staff counsel may administer oaths and affirmations, issue subpoenas to compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses for production of books, papers, records, documents or other tangible objects. These subpoenas may be judicially enforced.

#### 2-104. Advisory opinions.

(a) Requests. -- The appropriate advisory body shall issue an advisory opinion concerning the application of this article [at] UPON the WRITTEN request of a person subject to its provisions. An advisory opinion concerning the application of the article may be issued [at] UPON the WRITTEN request of any other person as deemed appropriate.

(b) Time of issuance. -- Advisory opinions required by subsection (a) shall be issued by the Commission within 60 days after receipt of the request, or more promptly if circumstances require it.

(c) Publication. -- Advisory opinions shall be in writing and be published in the Maryland Register. Before an advisory opinion is made public, any material which may identify the person who is the subject of the opinion, shall, to the fullest extent possible, be deleted, and the identity of the person shall not be revealed.

(d) Reliance on opinion. -- Unless the appropriate advisory body otherwise decides, a person subject to the provisions of this article may rely upon a published opinion of the executive branch board of ethics, public disclosure advisory board, any comparable local body, or any other similar or predecessor body, unless that opinion is plainly inconsistent with the provisions of this article.

(e) Further opinion by Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics. -- If the appropriate advisory body has issued an advisory opinion with respect to a State official of the legislative branch and a question arising under Title 4, the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics, upon request of the official and pursuant to the provisions of this section, shall issue a further advisory opinion on that question. To the extent of any inconsistency between the two opinions, the opinion of the Committee shall prevail.

#### 2-105. Complaints to and by Commission.