

EFFECTIVE AFTER ADOPTION BY A CONSTITUTIONAL MAJORITY OF EACH HOUSE VOTING SEPARATELY.

(2) THE RULES SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND SHALL SUPPLEMENT, BUT MAY NOT BE IN CONFLICT WITH, THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 40A OF THE CODE.

(C) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES MAY REFER TO THE COMMITTEE ANY MATTER THAT THEY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Government

2-701.

In this subtitle, "Committee" means the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics.

2-702.

There is a Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics, which is a joint committee of the Senate and the House.

2-703.

(a) (1) The Committee consists of the following 12 members:

(1) from the Senate:

1. the President EX OFFICIO; and

2. 5 other Senators-7- appointed by the President; and

(II) from the House:

1. the Speaker EX OFFICIO; and

2. 5 other Delegates-7- appointed by the Speaker.

(2) AT LEAST 1 MEMBER FROM THE SENATE AND 1 MEMBER FROM THE HOUSE SHALL BE FROM THE PARTY OF THE MINORITY LEADER.

(b) (1) A member appointed by the President serves at the pleasure of the President.

(2) A member appointed by the Speaker serves at the pleasure of the Speaker.