

3. THE PRESIDING OFFICER SHALL CAUSE TO BE INTRODUCED A SIMPLE RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS AND IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

(5) IN ANY MATTER CONCLUDED BY A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE TO THE PRESIDING OFFICER, UPON REQUEST OF THE MEMBER THE PRESIDING OFFICER SHALL INTRODUCE A SIMPLE RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

(P) (1) EACH BRANCH OF THE LEGISLATURE BY A SIMPLE RESOLUTION SHALL ESTABLISH AN INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE, AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 40 OF THE CODE, PROMPTLY UPON THE BEGINNING OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION AFTER EACH GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION. SUBJECT TO FURTHER ACTION OF THAT BRANCH OF THE LEGISLATURE, THAT INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE SHALL FUNCTION DURING AND BETWEEN SESSIONS THROUGHOUT EACH YEAR OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A NEW INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE IS CREATED.

(2) AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH REGULAR SESSION, THE PRESIDING OFFICER BY ORDER SHALL APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE FROM THE MEMBERS OF THAT BRANCH OF THE LEGISLATURE. IF IT IS CONSIDERED INAPPROPRIATE BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER FOR ANY MEMBER OF THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER A PARTICULAR MATTER, THE PRESIDING OFFICER SHALL APPOINT A SUBSTITUTE MEMBER FOR THE PURPOSES OF THAT MATTER.

(3) THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE THUS CREATED AND CONSTITUTED SHALL PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS ASSIGNED UNDER THIS SECTION AND CONSIDER SUCH OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THAT BRANCH OF THE LEGISLATURE AS MAY BE ASSIGNED TO IT BY THE PRESIDING OFFICERS ACTING JOINTLY OR BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THAT BRANCH WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINORITY LEADER OF THAT BRANCH. THE COMMITTEE SHALL PERFORM NO OTHER FUNCTION.

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

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(o) (3) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the investigating committee shall review the report of the committee and, in such detail as it considers appropriate, conduct further proceedings until it is prepared to make a report pursuant to paragraph (4) of this subsection. The proceedings shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of [Sections 72 through 87 of Article 40] TITLE 2, SUBTITLE 16 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE of the Annotated Code of Maryland to the extent those provisions are not inconsistent with subsection (j) or other provisions of this section.