

(2) A committee designated under this subsection shall consist of an equal number of Senators and Delegates.

(3) The President and the Speaker shall each designate a cochairman of the committee.

(4) AT LEAST 7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING, STAFF SHALL ADVERTISE THE POSITION IN NEWSPAPERS OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE STATE.

(5) The committee [may] SHALL conduct a public meeting at which time candidates for the Office of Treasurer shall present themselves.

(6) THE COMMITTEE SHALL DETERMINE ITS PROCEDURES WHICH SHALL INCLUDE A SECRET BALLOT, LIMITED TO THE MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING, TO DETERMINE ITS NOMINEE.

[(e)](C) If the General Assembly designates a committee under subsection [(d)](B) of this section, the committee shall report to the General Assembly on the qualifications of the candidates for the Office of Treasurer and recommend [a procedure] ONE OF THE CANDIDATES to the General Assembly [for the casting of ballots] for the appointment [of] AS Treasurer.

[(b)](D) (1) During the [1st] FIRST session following the election of new members to the General Assembly, the General Assembly shall meet in joint session to appoint the Treasurer.

(2) If the General Assembly does not appoint someone to the Office of Treasurer at the time of its [1st] FIRST joint session to consider the appointment of a Treasurer, the General Assembly shall continue to meet in joint session on a daily basis until a Treasurer is appointed.

[(c)](E) (1) The appointment of the Treasurer by the General Assembly shall be determined by a majority of the membership PRESENT AND VOTING of the Senate and the House, sitting jointly.

(2) Each member of the General Assembly shall have 1 vote.

(3) (I) THE NAME OF EACH PERSON WHO APPLIES SHALL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT THAT IS DISTRIBUTED AT THE JOINT SESSION AND THE BALLOT SHALL CONTAIN A PLACE FOR A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE. A CANDIDATE MAY WITHDRAW HIS OR HER NAME AT ANY TIME.

(II) BEFORE BALLOTS ARE DISTRIBUTED, THE READING CLERK SHALL READ THE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION, IF ANY, FROM THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR WHICH PROVISION IS MADE IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION. ONCE READ, THE JOINT SESSION SHALL IMMEDIATELY PROCEED WITH THE BALLOTING. NOMINATING SPEECHES MAY NOT BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR.

(III) The casting of ballots for the appointment of the Treasurer shall be by secret ballot.