

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)](B) 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)](C) The investigating committee thus created and constituted shall perform the functions assigned under this [section] PART II 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] INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE shall perform no other function.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 40A, § 3-102(p).

PART III. SPECIFIC GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES.

15-523. INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

(A) DEFINITIONS.

(1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "FACULTY CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICIES" MEANS POLICIES ADOPTED BY A GOVERNING BOARD AND APPROVED:

(I) BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; AND

(II) AS TO CONFORMITY WITH THIS SECTION, BY THE ETHICS COMMISSION.

(3) "GOVERNING BOARD" HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED IN § 10-101 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

(4) "EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION" MEANS A PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION AS DEFINED IN § 10-101 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

(5) "RELATIONSHIP" INCLUDES ANY:

(I) INTEREST;

(II) SERVICE;

(III) EMPLOYMENT;

(IV) GIFT; OR

(V) OTHER BENEFIT OR RELATIONSHIP.