

(1) if the investigating committee concludes that there has been no violation, the investigating committee shall report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the presiding officer of that branch of the legislature, and the proceedings shall be terminated.

(2) (i) if the investigating committee concludes that a violation has occurred, the investigating committee shall submit a written report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the presiding officer of that branch.

(ii) the report and formal record of the investigating committee shall be public records.

(iii) 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.

(e) 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.]

[15-522.

(a) Each branch of the legislature by a simple resolution shall establish an investigating committee, as provided in Title 2, Subtitle 16 of this article, 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.

(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.

(c) The investigating committee thus created and constituted shall perform the functions assigned under this 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 investigating committee shall perform no other function.]

15-519. HEARING PROCEDURES.

(A) THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE SHALL ADOPT WRITTEN PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING A HEARING TO CONSIDER A COMPLAINT, ALLEGATION SUMMARY, AND WRITTEN ANSWER, IF ANY, AS PROVIDED IN § 15-518(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) THE WRITTEN PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION:

(1) SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION;