

legislative investigating committee do not limit the authority of a committee or subcommittee of the General Assembly to exercise the power to administer oaths or subpoena witnesses and records as otherwise authorized by law; repealing a prohibition on the filming, televising, or broadcasting, in whole or in part, of certain hearings; providing for procedures and venue with respect to the filing of a petition for an order directing compliance with a subpoena or compelling testimony; requiring that papers, books, accounts, documents, testimony, and records sought in accordance with a subpoena issued in accordance with certain provisions of law in connection with a lawfully authorized legislative inquiry or examination be pertinent to the inquiry or examination; providing that the papers, books, accounts, documents, testimony, or records are considered pertinent if they meet certain criteria; providing that the party whose conduct necessitated the filing of the petition has a certain number of days to respond to the petition; providing that a response by the party whose conduct necessitated the petition is the ~~party's sole remedy for objecting~~ only pleading that an objecting party may file to object to a subpoena and prohibiting that party from filing a motion to quash or a petition for an injunction with respect to the subpoena; requiring proceedings to enforce compliance with a subpoena issued by a legislative committee to be handled by the court in a certain manner; prohibiting the introduction of additional evidence in any hearing in a proceeding on a petition to comply with a subpoena or to compel testimony; ~~requiring the court, under certain circumstances, to order the party whose conduct necessitated the petition to pay the petitioner reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees; providing for a certain exception;~~ providing that a party to a proceeding to enforce compliance with a subpoena may appeal the decision of the court only in a certain manner; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to legislative inquiries and examinations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 2-407, 2-408, 2-507, 2-807, 2-1104, 2-1602, and 2-1609(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Government

Section 2-1802 and 2-1803

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Government