

- of Delegates;
- (1) The majority leaders of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates;
- (2) The minority leaders of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates;
- (3) The co-chairmen of the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics; and
- (4) Nine members of the general public, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

(c) The chairman of the Commission shall be appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

(d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Commission.

(e) The Commission shall examine the Maryland Public Ethics Law as it relates to the General Assembly and its members, including an examination of the laws relating to:

(1) The relationship of members of the General Assembly with businesses, lobbyists, and nonlegislative State agencies, boards, and commissions;

(2) The use of offices, staff, equipment, and resources provided to members of the General Assembly by the State;

(3) The use of title and prestige of office for certain purposes;

(4) Conflict of interest, including employment with State agencies and businesses with issues before the General Assembly;

(5) The disclosure of interests;

(6) The authority and powers of the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics; and

(7) Any other matters related to legislative ethics that the Commission considers appropriate.

(f) The Commission shall review compliance with the "Guidelines for Compensation and Expenses for Legislators" to better identify, monitor, and enforce the appropriate standards for the use of public funds to pay legislative district office, telephone, and other expenses of members of the General Assembly.

(g) The Commission shall make any recommendations for legislation that it considers appropriate for introduction in the 1999 legislative session.

(h) The Commission shall issue a report of its findings and any recommendations for legislation to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates on or before February 1, 1999.

Signed May 21, 1998.