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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Assembly - Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics - Citizen**
3 **Members and Appointment**

4 FOR the purpose of modifying the membership of the Joint Committee on Legislative
5 Ethics to include a certain number of citizen members; reducing the number of
6 members of the Senate and House of Delegates appointed as members of the
7 Committee; requiring the appointment of certain citizen members of the
8 Committee by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
9 Delegates; repealing the authority of the President and the Speaker to appoint
10 certain chairmen of the Committee; requiring the election of a Senate Chairman
11 and House Chairman by the entire membership of the Committee; establishing
12 certain dates on which certain chairmen preside over the Committee; providing
13 that certain chairmen serve at the pleasure of a majority of the members of the
14 Committee; and generally relating to the membership of the Joint Committee on
15 Legislative Ethics.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article - State Government
18 Section 2-703
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1999 Replacement Volume)

21 BY repealing
22 Article - State Government
23 Section 2-704
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (1999 Replacement Volume)

26 BY adding to
27 Article - State Government
28 Section 2-704
29 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

4 **Article - State Government**

5 2-703.

6 (a) (1) The Committee consists of the following 12 regular members:

7 (i) [six] FOUR Senators appointed by the President; [and]

8 (ii) [six] FOUR Delegates appointed by the Speaker;

9 (III) TWO CITIZEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT; AND

10 (IV) TWO CITIZEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER.

11 (2) (i) The Senators appointed by the President shall be chosen so that
12 each political party is represented in approximately the same proportion as the party
13 is represented in the Senate. Minority party members shall be appointed upon the
14 recommendation of the minority leader of the Senate.

15 (ii) The Delegates appointed by the Speaker shall be chosen so that
16 each political party is represented in approximately the same proportion as the party
17 is represented in the House. Minority party members shall be appointed upon the
18 recommendation of the minority leader of the House.

19 (b) (1) A member appointed by the President serves at the pleasure of the
20 President.

21 (2) A member appointed by the Speaker serves at the pleasure of the
22 Speaker.

23 (c) The President and the Speaker shall be nonvoting ex officio members of
24 the Committee.

25 [2-704.

26 (a) The President and the Speaker:

27 (1) jointly shall appoint a chairman and a vice chairman of the
28 Committee; or

29 (2) each shall appoint a cochairman of the Committee.

30 (b) Appointees serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.]

1 2-704.

2 (A) THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL ELECT:

3 (1) A SENATE CHAIRMAN FROM THE SENATORS SERVING AS MEMBERS
4 OF THE COMMITTEE; AND

5 (2) A HOUSE CHAIRMAN FROM THE DELEGATES SERVING AS MEMBERS
6 OF THE COMMITTEE.

7 (B) THE SENATE CHAIRMAN SHALL PRESIDE OVER THE COMMITTEE IN
8 EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND THE HOUSE CHAIRMAN SHALL PRESIDE OVER THE
9 COMMITTEE IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS.

10 (C) THE CHAIRMEN SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF A MAJORITY OF THE
11 COMMITTEE.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2000.