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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government - Joint Committee on Technology**

3 FOR the purpose of creating a Joint Committee on Technology; specifying the  
4 membership of the Committee; providing for the appointment of the cochairmen  
5 and co-vice chairmen of the Committee; establishing that the full authorized  
6 membership of the Committee is a quorum; providing staff for the Committee;  
7 requiring the Committee to hold certain meetings; authorizing the Committee to  
8 hold certain hearings and consider certain bills or resolutions; establishing the  
9 powers and duties of the Committee; requiring the Committee to submit a  
10 certain report by a certain date each year; repealing the Joint Technology  
11 Oversight Committee; and generally relating to the Joint Committee on  
12 Technology.

13 BY adding to  
14 Article - State Government  
15 Section 2-10A-08  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

18 BY repealing  
19 Chapter 11 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000  
20 Section 6 and 7

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

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**Article - State Government**

2 2-10A-08.

3 (A) THERE IS A JOINT COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY.

4 (B) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 20 MEMBERS:

5 (1) TEN MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE  
6 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND7 (2) TEN MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE  
8 SPEAKER.9 (C) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE  
10 PRESIDING OFFICER WHO APPOINTED THEM.11 (D) (1) THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER SHALL JOINTLY APPOINT A  
12 SENATOR AND A DELEGATE TO SERVE AS COCHAIRMEN WHO SHALL ALTERNATE IN  
13 SERVING AS THE PRESIDING CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE EACH YEAR.14 (2) THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER SHALL JOINTLY APPOINT A  
15 SENATOR AND A DELEGATE TO SERVE AS CO-VICE CHAIRMEN.16 (E) A MAJORITY OF THE FULL AUTHORIZED MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
17 COMMITTEE IS A QUORUM.18 (F) THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES, OFFICE OF POLICY  
19 ANALYSIS, SHALL PROVIDE STAFF ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMITTEE.

20 (G) THE COMMITTEE SHALL HOLD:

21 (1) AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING PROMPTLY AFTER THE  
22 APPOINTMENT OF ITS MEMBERS; AND23 (2) ANY OTHER MEETINGS THAT THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS  
24 NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES EFFICIENTLY.

25 (H) THE COMMITTEE MAY:

26 (1) HOLD A HEARING ON ANY MATTER RELATING TO THE FUNCTIONS OF  
27 THE COMMITTEE; AND28 (2) CONSIDER A VOTE ON A BILL OR RESOLUTION REFERRED TO IT BY  
29 THE PRESIDENT OR THE SPEAKER.

30 (I) THE COMMITTEE SHALL:

31 (1) (I) REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARYLAND UNIFORM  
32 COMPUTER INFORMATION TRANSACTIONS ACT AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY STATUTES  
33 IN THE STATE; AND

1 (II) RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY ANY APPROPRIATE CHANGES IN STATE LAW BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF  
3 THE COMMITTEE;

4 (2) COLLECT AND EVALUATE INFORMATION ON LEGISLATIVE  
5 PROPOSALS AND REGULATORY CHANGES THAT AFFECT TECHNOLOGY; AND

6 (3) SERVE AS AN INFORMATIONAL SOURCE FOR THE SENATE AND  
7 HOUSE OF DELEGATES IN LEGISLATIVE POLICY MATTERS CONCERNING  
8 TECHNOLOGY.

9 (J) (1) SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THIS TITLE, THE COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT  
10 AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF  
11 EACH YEAR.

12 (2) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE:

13 (I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE; AND

14 (II) ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.

15 **Chapter 11 of the Acts of 2000**

16 [SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

17 (a) There is a Joint Technology Oversight Committee.

18 (b) The Committee consists of the following ten members:

19 (1) five members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President  
20 of the Senate; and

21 (2) five members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker.

22 (c) The members of the Committee serve at the pleasure of the presiding  
23 officer who appointed them.

24 (d) The President and the Speaker shall jointly appoint a Senator and a  
25 Delegate to serve as co-chairmen who shall alternate in serving as the presiding  
26 chairman of the Committee each year.

27 (e) (1) The Committee shall:

28 (i) review the implementation of the Maryland Uniform Computer  
29 Information Transactions Act in this State; and

30 (ii) recommend to the Governor and the General Assembly any  
31 appropriate changes in State law based on the findings of the Committee.

32 (2) The Committee may examine and evaluate additional technology  
33 related issues as designated by the co-chairmen of the Committee.

1 (f) The Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
2 Governor, the Legislative Policy Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the  
3 House Economic Matters Committee on or before December 1 of each year.

4 SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 6 of this Act  
5 shall take effect July 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at  
6 the end of June 30, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly,  
7 Section 6 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 October 1, 2001.