SENATE BILL 524

P5, P1 4 lr 1202By: Senator M. Washington Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2024 Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee Report: Favorable Senate action: Adopted Read second time: February 18, 2024 CHAPTER AN ACT concerning General Assembly - Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs - Gender-Neutral Language FOR the purpose of altering certain terminology that refers to chairs and vice chairs of committees of the General Assembly to be gender-neutral; and generally relating to chairs and vice chairs of committees of the General Assembly. BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – State Government Section 2-403(a), 2-404, 2-405(b), 2-406(b)(1), 2-504, 2-604, 2-704(a), 2-804, 2-805(b), 2-904, 2-1003(a)(2) and (b), 2-10A-01(d), 2-10A-06(f). 2-1224(d)(2), 2-1258(a)(2), 2-1505(c)(2) and (f), 2-1605, and 2-1609(h)(2)(v)Annotated Code of Maryland (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: Article - State Government 2-403.The Legislative Policy Committee consists of the following 28 members: (a) from the Senate: (1)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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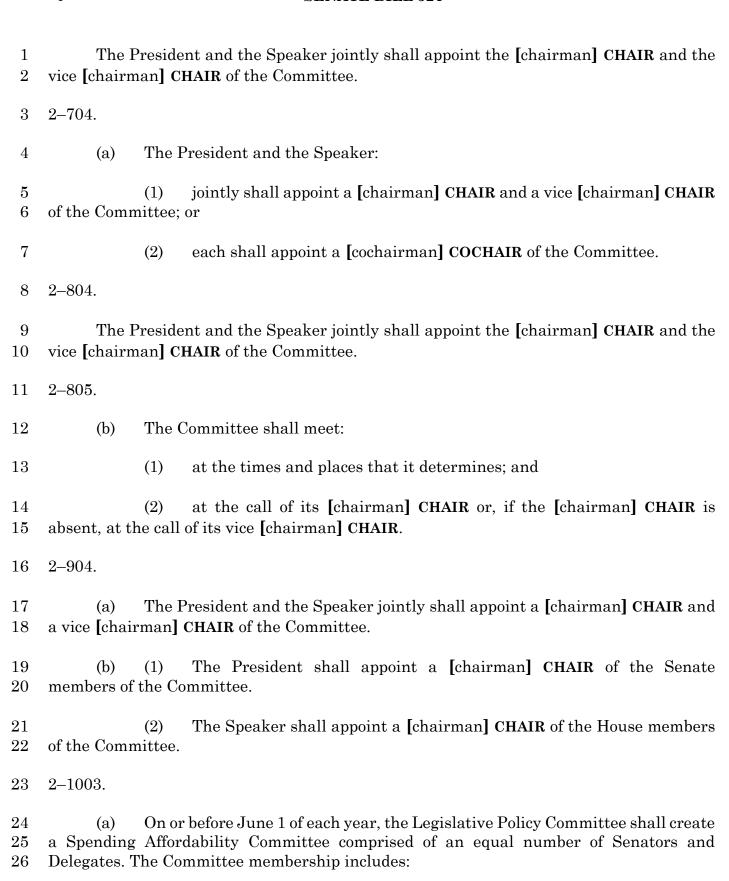
Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

1		(i)	the President;
2		(ii)	the President Pro Tem;
3		(iii)	the Majority Leader;
4		(iv)	the [Chairman] CHAIR of the Budget and Taxation Committee;
5 6 7	Environmental Aff ENVIRONMENT;	(v) airs C	the [Chairman] CHAIR of the [Education, Health, and committee] COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE
8		(vi)	the [Chairman] CHAIR of the Finance Committee;
9		(vii)	the [Chairman] CHAIR of the Judicial Proceedings Committee;
0		(viii)	the Minority Leader; and
$\frac{1}{2}$	by majority vote of	(ix) the Se	1. 6 other Senators, appointed by the President and approved enate; or
13 14 15	` '	•	2. if a Senator simultaneously serves in 2 of the positions set gh (vii), inclusive, of this [paragraph] ITEM, 7 other Senators, nt and approved by majority vote of the Senate; and
6	(2)	from t	the House:
17		(i)	the Speaker;
18		(ii)	the Speaker Pro Tem;
9		(iii)	the Majority Leader;
20		(iv)	the [Chairman] CHAIR of the Appropriations Committee;
21 22	Operations Commi	(v) ttee;	the [Chairman] CHAIR of the Health and Government
23		(vi)	the [Chairman] CHAIR of the Economic Matters Committee;
24 25	Committee;	(vii)	the [Chairman] CHAIR of the Environment and Transportation
26		(viii)	the [Chairman] CHAIR of the Judiciary Committee:

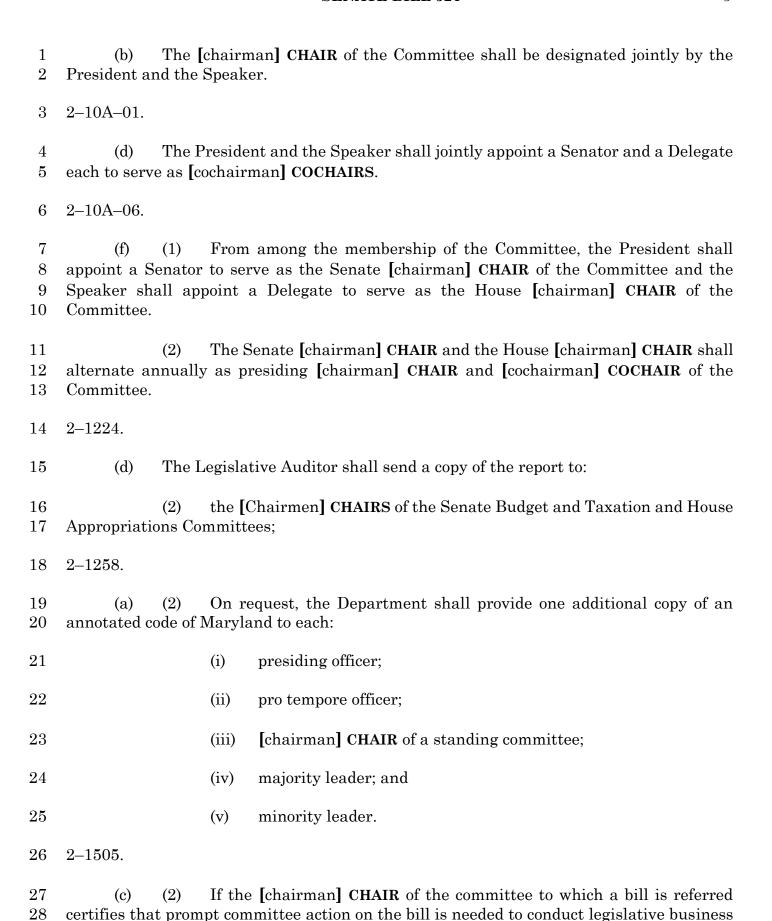
- 1 the [Chairman] CHAIR of the Ways and Means Committee: (ix) 2 the Minority Leader; and (x) 3 4 other Delegates, appointed by the Speaker and approved (xi) 1. 4 by majority vote of the House; or 5 2. if a Delegate simultaneously serves in 2 of the positions 6 set forth in items (ii) through (ix), inclusive, of this [paragraph] ITEM, 5 other Delegates, 7 appointed by the Speaker and approved by majority vote of the House. 8 2-404.9 The President and the Speaker are [cochairmen] COCHAIRS of the Committee. 10 2-405.11 If a vacancy occurs in one of the offices of [cochairmen] COCHAIRS of (b) (1) 12 the Committee, a successor shall be elected: 13 for the Senate [cochairman] COCHAIR, by the Senators on the (i) 14 Committee: and for the House [cochairman] COCHAIR, by the Delegates on the 15 (ii) 16 Committee. If vacancies occur in both offices of the [cochairmen] COCHAIRS of the 17 (2)Committee, the successors shall be elected from among the remaining members of the 18 19 Committee by those members. One of the [cochairmen] COCHAIRS shall be a Senator, and 20one shall be a Delegate. 212-406.22 (b) (1)The Committee shall meet as often as necessary, at the times and places 23 that its [cochairmen] COCHAIRS determine. 242-504.25The Senate [Chairman] CHAIR and the House [Chairman] CHAIR of the Committee 26 shall be appointed by the President and the Speaker, respectively, from the membership of 27 the Committee. One shall be a Senator appointed by the President, and the other shall be 28a Delegate appointed by the Speaker. The presiding [chairmanship] CHAIRSHIP and 29 [cochairmanship] COCHAIRSHIP shall be alternated annually between the Senate and the
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House.

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27 (2) the [chairmen] CHAIRS of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee 28 and the House Appropriations Committee;



- 1 and, before the Department prepares the fiscal note for the bill, holds a hearing on the bill, 2the Department shall prepare the note as soon after the hearing as possible. 3 As soon as possible after the adoption of an amendment that changes the fiscal 4 impact of a bill, the Department of Legislative Services shall: 5 (1) prepare a revised fiscal note for the bill; and 6 send the revised note: (2) 7 to the [chairman] CHAIR of the committee to which the bill is (i) 8 referred in the house of origin; 9 (ii) if the bill has reached the opposite house, to the [chairman] **CHAIR** of the committee to which the bill is referred in that house: 10 11 if the bill is in the custody of either the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Clerk of the House, to that officer; and 12 to the primary sponsor of the bill. 13 (iv) 2-1605.14 An investigating committee shall have the [chairman and vice chairman] 15 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR who: 16 17 are appointed by the resolution that establishes the investigating (1) 18 committee; or 19 if the resolution does not appoint these officers, are elected by 20affirmative vote of a majority of all of the members of the investigating committee. 21The rules of an investigating committee shall provide for the selection of a 22presiding officer to act if the [chairman and vice chairman] CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR are absent or unable to act. 23 24(c) (1) At a hearing of an investigating committee, the presiding officer shall 25be: 26 the [chairman] CHAIR of the investigating committee; (i) 27 (ii) if the [chairman] CHAIR is absent or otherwise unable to preside,
- 29 (iii) if the [chairman and vice chairman] CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR 30 are absent or otherwise unable to preside, the individual who is selected under the rules of

the vice [chairman] CHAIR; or

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10 11	(v) any other matter that the investigating committee or it [chairman] CHAIR directs.
11 12 13	[chairman] CHAIR directs. SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect Jun. 1, 2024.
	Approved:
	Governor.
	Governor.
	President of the Senate.
	Speaker of the House of Delegates.