

of 1973. The Committee consists of six members, three from the Senate and three from the House of Delegates, appointed by the President and the Speaker. The chairperson and vice-chairperson are designated by the President and Speaker jointly and serve at their pleasure.

The functions of the Committee are to review policies and procedures of the State Treasurer regarding the investment and management of State funds in the Treasury, State funds not in the Treasury (excluding retirement system funds), and public funds by local government.

The Committee reports annually to the General Assembly (Code 1957, Art. 40, secs. 92-96).

SPENDING AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Laurence Levitan

Vice-Chairperson: R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.

Members from the Senate: Rosalie Silber Abrams; Clarence W. Blount; Francis X. Kelly (*designee of the President*); Dennis F. Rasmussen; Edward P. Thomas.

Members from the House of Delegates: Tyras S. Athey; John W. Douglass; Robert R. Neall; Donald B. Robertson; Benjamin L. Cardin, *Speaker of the House of Delegates, ex officio.*

The Spending Affordability Committee was established by Chapter 585, Acts of 1982, to study and review the status and projections of State revenues and expenditures and the status and projections of the Maryland economy. The goal of the Committee's review is to limit the rate of growth of State spending to a level that does not exceed the rate of growth of the State's economy. The Committee consists of the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Delegates, the chairpersons of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, the majority and minority leaders of the Senate and House or their designees, and an equal number of other senators and delegates as the president and speaker may designate.

By November 1 of each year, the Spending Affordability Committee submits a report to the Legislative Policy Committee and the Governor with recommendations for the fiscal goals of the budget to be considered at the next General Assembly session. The report includes recommended levels of State spending, new debt authorization, and State personnel, and provides recommenda-

tions for the use of any anticipated surplus, and other findings or recommendations as the Committee deems appropriate.

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

The Legislative Policy Committee periodically establishes special joint committees and task forces for particular purposes. These special committees and task forces function only during the interim between sessions of the General Assembly. Each is reviewed annually at the end of the legislative session, by the Legislative Policy Committee, which decides whether the commission or task force shall continue its work or cease to function. The staff for these special joint committees and task forces are coordinated by the State Department of Legislative Reference, which publishes a list of the committees and their membership each summer. The list is available on request. Further information may be obtained from the staff contact at the State Department of Legislative Reference.

Staff Contact: Michael I. Volk

90 State Circle
Annapolis 21401

Telephone: 841-3870

Special Joint Committees and Task Forces functioning during the 1982 interim:

Special Joint Committee on Clerks of Court

Joint Oversight Committee on Corrections

Election Laws Revision Task Force

Special Joint Committee on Energy

Federal Tax Laws Conformity Study Committee

Maryland Legislative Information System (MLIS)
Steering Committee

Jobs Initiative Task Force

Medical Malpractice Task Force

Special Joint Committee on Mental Health Laws
(terminated by LPC effective December 31,
1982)

Joint Committee on Pensions

Sewage Sludge Management Commission

State Telephone Operators Study Commission

Joint Committee on Transit Operating Costs

Joint Committee on Transportation

Special Joint Committee on Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program