

respectively, by the President and the Speaker. Also serving on the Commission are the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning; the Director of Planning; the Secretary of State; and one member each from the Maryland Association of Counties and the Maryland Municipal League (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-907 through 2-909).

JOINT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE DELIVERY & FINANCING

Thomas Patrick O'Reilly, *Senate Chairperson*
Virginia M. Thomas, *House Chairperson*

Staff: Pegeen A. Townsend (410) 841-3870
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MANDATED REPORTS

Annual Report to General Assembly due Jan. 1.

The Joint Committee on Health Care Delivery and Financing was created in 1992 (Chapter 395, Acts of 1992). Legislators from standing committees with diverse jurisdictions that affect health care join together on this committee to consider and study the entire health care delivery and financing system of Maryland. The Committee oversees and studies health care issues, including access to health care; retention of the Medicare waiver; the Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid); cost containment mechanisms; health insurance coverage; and shortages of health care labor.

Of the Committee's fourteen members, seven are senators chosen by the Senate President, and seven are delegates appointed by the House Speaker. The Senate President and House Speaker jointly appoint a senator and a delegate as co-chairpersons (Code State Government Article, sec. 2-10A-02).

JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Julian L. Lapidés, *Senate Chairperson*
Kenneth C. Montague, Jr., *House Chairperson*

Staff: Theodore E. King, Jr. (410) 841-3870

The Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics was formed in 1972 (Chapter 5, Acts of 1972). The Committee renders advisory opinions and promulgates rules of legislative ethics with respect to conflicts of interest governing members of the General Assembly. These rules apply on a year-round basis.

The Committee consists of twelve members, six from the Senate and six from the House of Delegates. The Senate President and House Speaker serve ex officio. They appoint the remaining members and chairpersons. At least one member of the Senate and one of the House are chosen from the

party of the Minority Leader (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-701 through 2-707).

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Decatur W. Trotter, *Senate Chairperson*
Jennie M. Forehand, *House Chairperson*

Staff: E. Phillip Sayre (410) 841-3710

MANDATED REPORTS

Annual Report to General Assembly on any recommendations on the Office of Treasurer due before 1st day of regular session.

The Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds was established in 1973 (Chapter 635, Acts of 1973). The Committee reviews policies and procedures of the State Treasurer on the investment and management of State funds in the Treasury, State funds not in the Treasury (excluding retirement system funds), and public funds invested and managed by local government.

The Committee consists of eight members: four senators appointed by the Senate President and four delegates appointed by the House Speaker. The chairperson and vice-chairperson are designated by the President and Speaker jointly and serve at their pleasure (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-801 through 2-806).

SPENDING AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE

Laurence Levitan, *Senate Chairperson*
Richard Rynd, *House Chairperson*

Staff: Warren G. Deschenaux; Marc L. Nicole (410) 841-3736

MANDATED REPORTS

Annual Report to Governor & Legislative Policy Committee due Dec. 1.

Report to Governor & Legislative Policy Committee on recommendations on fiscal goals for State budget to be considered at next regular session of General Assembly due Dec. 1.

Established in 1982, the Spending Affordability Committee studies and reviews the status and projections of State revenues and expenditures and the status and projections of the Maryland economy (Chapter 585, Acts of 1982). The Committee's purpose 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.

Annually, the Spending Affordability Committee recommends to the Governor and Legislative Policy Committee the fiscal goals of the State gov-