

with a subpoena issued by the Legislative Policy Committee, or any standing committee as permitted by this section, or if any witness fails to testify on any matters on which the person may be lawfully interrogated, the circuit court of any county, [or an appropriate court of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City,] on application of a member of the committee, shall compel obedience by proceedings for contempt. False swearing by any witness before the Legislative Policy Committee or any standing committee constitutes and is punishable as perjury.

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(b) An investigating committee may, by majority vote of all of its members, apply to the General Assembly or the house thereof by which it was established for a contempt citation. The application may be considered as though the alleged contempt had been committed in or against such house or the General Assembly itself. If the investigating committee is an interim committee, its application shall be made to the circuit court for any county [or any judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City].

Article 40A - Maryland Public Ethics Law

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(aa) "Public official" means:

(3) Any individual in the judicial branch of government, including an individual employed in the office of a clerk of court, or paid by a political subdivision to perform services in any orphans' court, a circuit court for a county, [the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City or one of its courts,] and any individual employed by the Attorney Grievance Commission, the State Board of Law Examiners, or the Standing Committee on Rules who:

(i) Is classified or compensated at State grade level 18 or above; and

(ii) Is not a judge, master, commissioner, examiner, auditor, or referee.

(dd) "State official" means a member or member-elect of the General Assembly, a judge or judge-elect of a court created by Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution and a person defined in Rule 11 of Maryland Rule No. 1232 or a constitutional officer or officer-elect in an executive agency of the State government. State official also means a person holding office as State's Attorney, clerk of the circuit court for each county [or of a court of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City], register of wills, and sheriff.

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