

Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the phrase "deemed worthy of attention", which formerly modified "matter", is deleted as unnecessary in light of the discretion inherent in "may".

In subsection (b) of this section, the former phrase "for inclusion in that committee's report to the General Assembly" is deleted as unnecessary in light of § 2-409 of this title.

The first clause of former Art. 40, § 27(e)(3), which related to sponsorship of committee bills and resolutions, now appears in § 2-1503 of this title.

Defined term: "Standing committee" § 2-101

2-1104. AUTHORITY OF STANDING COMMITTEES AS TO SUBPOENAS, OATHS, TESTIMONY, AND DEPOSITIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

WITH THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE, A STANDING COMMITTEE, IN CARRYING OUT ANY OF ITS FUNCTIONS OR POWERS, MAY:

- (1) ISSUE SUBPOENAS;
- (2) COMPEL THE ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES;
- (3) COMPEL THE PRODUCTION OF ANY PAPERS, BOOKS, ACCOUNTS, DOCUMENTS, AND TESTIMONY;
- (4) ADMINISTER OATHS; AND
- (5) CAUSE THE DEPOSITIONS OF WITNESSES, WHO RESIDE IN OR OUTSIDE OF THE STATE, TO BE TAKEN IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW FOR TAKING DEPOSITIONS IN A CIVIL CASE.

(B) ENFORCEMENT.

IF A PERSON FAILS TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION OR FAILS TO TESTIFY ON ANY MATTER ON WHICH THE PERSON LAWFULLY MAY BE INTERROGATED, ON PETITION OF A MEMBER OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE, A CIRCUIT COURT MAY PASS AN ORDER DIRECTING COMPLIANCE WITH THE SUBPOENA OR COMPELLING TESTIMONY AND MAY ENFORCE THE ORDER BY PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT.

(C) PERJURY.

FALSE SWEARING BY A WITNESS BEFORE A STANDING COMMITTEE IS PERJURY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 40, § 30, as it related to standing committees.