procedural due process. Further, the Committee sits as a legislative advisory board for the Code of Maryland Regulations and COMAR publications of the Division of State Documents of the Office of the Secretary of State.

By Chapter 1 of the Acts of the Second Special Session of 1973, the Committee is required to receive emergency energy executive orders promulgated by the Governor. This legislative authority has been updated annually.

Chapter 776, Acts of 1973, removed the Committee as an adjunct of the Legislative Council. By law, the Committee reports annually to the Legislative Policy Committee and the General Assembly.

The AELR Committee receives copies of all rules of each State agency (Chapter 777, Acts of 1973). Unless submitted to the Committee, certain rules, regulations, or standards may be invalid (Chapter 778, Acts of 1973; Code 1957, Art. 40, sec. 40A).

JOINT BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Senate Chairperson: Dennis F. Rasmussen

House Chairperson: John W. Douglass

Stewart Bainum, Jr., *designee of the President of the Senate*

Clarence W. Blount, *Senate Majority Floor Leader*

Edward P. Thomas, *Senate Minority Floor Leader*

Benjamin L. Cardin, *Speaker of the House of Delegates*

Donald B. Robertson, *House Majority Floor Leader*

Robert R. Neall, *House Minority Floor Leader*

Members appointed by the President of the Senate: William H. Amoss; John A. Cade; Francis X. Kelly; Frank J. Komenda; Julian L. Lapides; Laurence Levitan.

Members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates: Tyras S. Athey; William J. Burgess; Gerard F. Devlin; Nancy K. Kopp (designee of Donald B. Robertson); R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.; Paul D. Muldowney; Frank B. Pesci, Sr.

Originally created by Chapter 456, Acts of 1968, the Joint Budget and Audit Committee had its membership changed by 'Chapter 227, Acts of 1971. It consists of twenty members, including the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the majority and minority floor leaders. The remaining members are divided equally between legislators who serve on the fiscal committees in the Senate and the House of Delegates. The chairperson and vice-chairperson are named by joint action of the presiding officers.

The Committee provides detailed study and review of budget analyses, the capital budget, fiscal policy, fiscal research, post audits, departmental operation and efficiency within State government, and other matters relating to fiscal matters. It receives from the Executive Department and the Department of Fiscal Services annual reports on the effect of long-term State debt on the State's financial condition. The Committee also annually reviews federally-funded projects requiring future State funds and nonbudgeted funds used for capital programs, reviews rules and regulations that require increased expenditures, establishes policies and directives for the Department of Fiscal Services, and submits an annual report to the General Assembly (Code 1957, Art. 40, secs. 54–56B).

JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Co-Chairperson: Julian L. Lapides

Co-Chairperson: Thomas A. Rymer

Members from the Senate: John A. Cade; Leo E. Green; Thomas M. Yeager.

Members from the House of Delegates: Michael J. Collins; Donald F. Munson; Wendell H. Phillips.

Ex officio members: Melvin A. Steinberg, *President of the Senate;* Benjamin L. Cardin, *Speaker of the House of Delegates.*

Committee counsel: Myriam Marquez Bailey

The Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics was established by Chapter 5, Acts of 1972. The Committee consists of ten members, five from the Senate and five from the House of Delegates. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates serve ex officio, and they appoint the remaining members who serve at the pleasure of the President and the Speaker.

The function of the Committee is to render advisory opinions and promulgate rules of legislative ethics with respect to conflicts of interest governing members of the General Assembly. These rules are effective on a year-round basis (Code 1957, Art. 40, secs. 89–91).