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The Protocol Committee organizes, plans, and schedules the social activities of the General Assembly.

ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

The Organization and Procedure Committee meets as required. Membership consists of the members of the Senate Rules Committee and an equal number of members from the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee (Senate Rule 18(a)(2)(iii)).

STATUTORY COMMITTEES

Statutory committees are created by act of the General Assembly and their duties, membership, and tenure are specified either in the *Annotated Code of Maryland* or the *Laws of Maryland*. Most commonly, statutory committees are joint committees with an equal number of members from the Senate and House of Delegates.

LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

Co-Chairpersons:

Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., *President of the Senate*
R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr., *Speaker of the House of Delegates*

Senate Members: Walter M. Baker; Raymond E. Beck; Clarence W. Blount; John A. Cadé; Arthur Dorman; Julian L. Lapidés; Laurence Levitan; Frederick C. Malkus, Jr.; Catherine I. Riley; Margaret C. Schweinhaut; Charles H. Smelser; Norman R. Stone, Jr.

House Members: John S. Arnick; Tyras S. Athey; Dennis C. Donaldson; Hattie N. Harrison; William S. Horne; Robert H. Kittleman; Nancy L. Murphy; Anne Scarlett Perkins; Charles J. Ryan; Ellen R. Sauerbrey; Casper R. Taylor, Jr.

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The Legislative Policy Committee originated in 1939 as the Legislative Council (Chapter 62, Acts of 1939). The Council was reorganized as the Legislative Policy Committee in 1976 (Chapter 362, Acts of 1976).

The Legislative Policy Committee coordinates and supervises the work of the standing committees of the General Assembly. The Committee studies the rules and procedures of the Senate and House, and appoints special committees and subcommittees to study legislative matters. During the interim between sessions of the General Assembly, the Committee refers any recommended subject matter it receives to interim committees, holds hearings on

any subject matter, and subpoenas witnesses and records as required. The Committee may prepare its own legislative recommendations, and may endorse a legislative program in the form of bills, resolutions, or other proposals to be submitted to the General Assembly.

Prior to each regular session of the legislature, the Legislative Policy Committee is required to compile and make public in a report to the General Assembly recommendations of the standing, statutory, and special committees.

The Committee consists of twenty-six members, thirteen from the Senate and thirteen from the House of Delegates. The Senate is represented by the President of the Senate; President Pro Tem; Majority Leader; Minority Leader; and the chairpersons of the standing committees on Budget and Taxation, Economic and Environmental Affairs, Finance, and Judicial Proceedings. The President appoints five additional Senators to represent the various areas and interests of the State. The House of Delegates is represented by the Speaker of the House; Speaker Pro Tem; Majority Leader; Minority Leader; and the chairpersons of the standing committees on Appropriations, Constitutional and Administrative Law, Economic Matters, Environmental Matters, Judiciary, and Ways and Means. The Speaker appoints three additional Delegates to represent the various areas and interests of the State. The President and Speaker serve as co-chairpersons (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-401 through 2-410).