

Subchapter 9.
Joint Performance Review Committee.

10-3-901. Creation - Members - Meetings - Expenses.

(a)(1) There is hereby created the "Joint Performance Review Committee", which shall consist of twenty (20) members of the House of Representatives to be selected as prescribed by House Rules and ten (10) members of the Senate to be appointed pursuant to Senate Rules.

(2)(A) There shall be a Senate cochair and a House cochair and a Senate vice chair and a House vice chair of the committee.

(B)(i) The House cochair and House vice chair shall be selected according to House Rules.

(ii) The Senate cochair and Senate vice chair shall be selected according to Senate Rules.

(b)(1) The House members of the committee and the Senate members of the committee may meet separately as separate committees of the House and Senate or may meet jointly as a joint committee at such times as to which the House and Senate membership agree to the holding of joint meetings.

(2) The committee may meet at such places within the state as it deems appropriate.

(c) At all joint meetings of the committee, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the Senate members of the committee and a majority of the House members of the committee.

(d) All votes taken at each joint meeting of the committee shall be by separate Senate vote and separate House vote, and no motion shall pass unless it receives a favorable vote of the majority of the members of the House committee and a favorable vote of the majority of the members of the Senate committee.

(e) Members of the committee shall be entitled to per diem and mileage at the rate provided by law to be paid from funds appropriated for payment of per diem and mileage for attendance at meetings of interim committees of the House and Senate.

(f)(1)(A) When meeting as a joint committee, the committee may subpoena persons, documents, and records upon approval of a majority of the House membership of the committee and a majority of the Senate membership of the committee.

(B) However, no action of the joint committee regarding the exercise of the subpoena power

shall be taken except upon notice of at least one (1) week to all members of the committee or upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the House membership of the committee and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate membership of the committee.

(2)(A) If the House members meet as a separate committee under subsection (b) of this section, the House committee may subpoena persons, documents, and records upon approval of a majority of the membership of the House committee.

(B) However, no action of the House committee regarding the exercise of the subpoena power shall be taken except upon notice of at least one (1) week to all members of the House committee or upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the House committee.

(3)(A) If the Senate members meet as a separate committee under subsection (b) of this section, the Senate committee may subpoena persons, documents, and records upon approval of a majority of the membership of the Senate committee.

(B) However, no action of the Senate committee regarding the exercise of the subpoena power shall be taken except upon notice of at least one (1) week to all members of the Senate committee or upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the Senate committee.

History. Acts 1977, No. 392, §§ 1, 3; 1983, No. 798, § 1; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 4-1013, 4-1015, 4-1017; Acts 1992 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 31, § 1; 1993, No. 517, § 3; 2001, No. 627, § 4; 2003, No. 24, § 3; 2003, No. 380, § 2; 2003, No. 1218, § 1.

Amendments. The 2001 amendment, in (a), substituted "pursuant to the Senate Rules" for "by the Senate Committee on Committees," substituted "chair" for "chairman," and added the last sentence.

The 2003 amendment by No. 24 added the subdivision designations in (a); and, in present (a)(1), substituted "House Rules" for "House Rule" and "ten (10) members" for "seven (7) members" and deleted "the" preceding "Senate Rules."

The 2003 amendment by No. 380 added the subdivision designations in (a); and, in present (a)(1), substituted "House Rules" for "House Rule" and "ten (10) members" for "seven (7) members" and deleted "the" preceding "Senate Rules."

The 2003 amendment by No. 1218 added the subdivision designations in (a) and (b); and, in present (a)(1), substituted "House Rules" for "House Rule" and "ten (10) members" for "seven (7) members" and deleted "the" preceding "Senate Rules"; and added (f).

10-3-902. Duties.

The Joint Performance Review Committee shall have the authority and responsibility to:

(1) Make random and periodic performance review of specific governmental programs and agencies;

(2) Conduct investigations into such specific problem areas of the administration of state government as may be brought to the attention of the committee;

(3) Refer specific problems regarding the operation of state government to appropriate interim committees of the General Assembly for continuing study;

(4) Conduct hearings on citizen complaints and views regarding the operation of state government and serve as a forum for citizens to air their complaints and suggestions regarding the operation of state government;

(5) Review the expenditures of the various agencies, departments, and programs of state government to assure that they are being administered in accordance with legislative intent and are being administered in such manner as to provide the taxpayers with the greatest service at the lowest reasonable cost; and

(6) Make such reports and recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Legislative Council as the committee deems necessary or appropriate to promote more effective and efficient operation of state government.

History. Acts 1977, No. 392, § 2; A.S.A. 1947, § 4-1014; Acts 1997, No. 1354, § 21.

Amendments. The 1997 amendment deleted "joint" preceding "interim committees" in (3).

10-3-903. Employment of personnel.

The committee is authorized to employ such personnel as necessary to carry out the provisions of this subchapter.

History. Acts 1977, No. 392, § 4; A.S.A. 1947, § 4-1016.
