

Chapter 177

(House Bill 496)

AN ACT concerning

Ethics Commission, Commission on Judicial Disabilities, Judicial Ethics Committee, and Joint Ethics Committee – Duties

FOR the purpose of providing that the Judicial Ethics Committee as an alternative to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities or another body designated by a certain court, shall administer and implement certain provisions of law that apply to State officials of the Judicial Branch; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to duties of the Ethics Commission, the Commission on Judicial Disabilities, the Judicial Ethics Committee, and the Joint Ethics Committee.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 5–104 and 5–819
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – General Provisions

5–104.

[This title shall be administered and implemented by:]

(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, THIS TITLE SHALL BE ADMINISTERED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE ETHICS COMMISSION.

[(1) (B) [the] THE Joint Ethics Committee, acting as an advisory body [as to the application of], SHALL ADMINISTER AND IMPLEMENT Subtitle 5 of this title AS IT APPLIES to members of the General Assembly[;].

[(2) (C) [the] THE Commission on Judicial Disabilities, THE JUDICIAL ETHICS COMMITTEE, or another body designated by the Court of Appeals, acting as an advisory body [as to the application of], SHALL ADMINISTER AND IMPLEMENT Subtitles 5 and 6 of this title AS THOSE SUBTITLES APPLY to State officials of the Judicial Branch[; and

(3) in all other matters, the Ethics Commission].

5–819.

(a) A school board shall submit regulations adopted under this part, and amendments to adopted regulations, to the Ethics Commission for review and approval or disapproval.

(b) If the Ethics Commission does not disapprove a regulation or an amendment to a regulation within 60 days after its submission, the regulation or amendment is deemed to have been approved and becomes effective.

(c) (1) The Ethics Commission may disapprove a regulation or an amendment to a regulation only if the Ethics Commission finds that the regulation or amendment is not in substantial compliance with this part.

(2) If the Ethics Commission disapproves a regulation or an amendment, the Ethics Commission shall promptly notify the school board of the action.

(d) On request of a school board, the Ethics Commission shall advise and assist the school board in preparing regulations that comply with this [title] **PART**.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, April 26, 2016.