

1 Sec. 1. 2 V.S.A. § 41 is amended to read:

2 § 41. CREATION OF COMMITTEE; PURPOSE

3 (a) Creation. There is created the Joint Legislative Management  
4 Committee. The Committee shall provide general oversight and management  
5 across the offices of the General Assembly ~~and shall coordinate the operations~~  
6 ~~of the Office of Legislative Operations in its delivery of shared administrative~~  
7 ~~services to the legislative offices and the General Assembly.~~

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9 Sec. 2. 2 V.S.A. § 601 is amended to read:

10 § 601. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

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13 (c) The Office of Legislative Counsel ~~and the Office of Legislative~~  
14 ~~Operations~~ shall provide legal, ~~professional~~, and administrative assistance to  
15 the Committee.

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17 Sec. 3. 2 V.S.A. § 614 is amended to read:

18 § 614. JOINT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT

19 COMMITTEE

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5 Sec. 4. 2 V.S.A. § 651 is amended to read:

6       **§ 651. LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATE HOUSE**

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11 Sec. 5. 2 V.S.A. § 693 is amended to read:

12 § 693. ASSISTANCE

13 (a) The Committee shall have the administrative, technical, and legal  
14 assistance of the Office of Legislative Counsel, the Office of Legislative  
15 Operations, and the Joint Fiscal Office.

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17 Sec. 6. 2 V.S.A. § 801 is amended to read:

18 § 801. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

1 (f) The professional and clerical services of the Joint Fiscal Office, the  
2 ~~Office of Legislative Operations~~, and the Office of Legislative Counsel shall  
3 be available to the Committee.

4 Sec. 6. 2 V.S.A. § 1001 is amended to read:

## 5 § 1001. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

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7 (f) Assistance. The Committee shall have assistance from the Office of  
8 Legislative Counsel, ~~the Office of Legislative Operations~~, and the Joint Fiscal  
9 Office.

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11 Sec. 7. 3 V.S.A. § 23 is amended to read:

12 § 23. THE COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

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14 (e) Staff services. The Commission shall be entitled to staff services of the  
15 Agency of Commerce and Community Development, the Office of Legislative  
16 Counsel, ~~the Office of Legislative Operations~~, and the Joint Fiscal Office.

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18 Sec. 8. 3 V.S.A. § 817 is amended to read:

19       § 817. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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1 (b) The Committee shall meet as necessary for the prompt discharge of its  
2 duties and may use the staff and services of the Office of Legislative Counsel  
3 ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~. The Committee shall adopt rules to  
4 govern its operation and organization. A quorum of the Committee shall  
5 consist of five members. For attendance at a meeting when the General  
6 Assembly is not in session, members of the Legislative Committee on  
7 Administrative Rules shall be entitled to the same per diem compensation and  
8 reimbursement for necessary expenses as provided members of standing  
9 committees under 2 V.S.A. § 23.

14 (d) The Court Administrator shall notify the Secretary of State whenever a  
15 Justice is appointed and takes the oath of office after September 1 of the year  
16 preceding the expiration of the term of office to which the Justice has  
17 succeeded, thereby resulting in automatic notification of an intention to  
18 continue in office. Whenever a Justice files a declaration under subsection (c)  
19 of this section, or notification occurs automatically, the Secretary of State shall  
20 notify the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Office of  
21 Legislative Counsel, ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~ forthwith.

1 Sec. 10. 4 V.S.A. § 71 is amended to read:

2 § 71. APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF SUPERIOR JUDGES

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4 (c) The Court Administrator shall notify the Secretary of State whenever a  
5 Superior judge is appointed and takes the oath of office after September 1 of  
6 the year preceding the expiration of the term of office to which the judge has  
7 succeeded, thereby resulting in automatic notification of an intention to  
8 continue in office. Whenever a Superior judge files a declaration under  
9 subsection (b) of this section or notification occurs automatically, the Secretary  
10 of State shall notify the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and  
11 the Office of Legislative Counsel, ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~  
12 forthwith.

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14 Sec. 11. 4 V.S.A. § 461 is amended to read:

15 § 461. OFFICE OF MAGISTRATE; JURISDICTION; SELECTION; TERM

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17 (c)(1) Terms of office of magistrates, except in the case of an appointment  
18 to fill a vacancy or unexpired term, shall be for a term of six years from and  
19 including April 1 in the year of the magistrate's appointment or retention. A  
20 magistrate shall remain in office until a successor is appointed and qualified,  
21 unless sooner removed for cause or unless he or she resigns.

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12 Sec. 12. 4 V.S.A. § 607 is amended read:

13 § 607. JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL RETENTION; CREATION

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15 (c) The Committee may use the staff and services of the Office of  
16 Legislative Counsel ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~ to, in addition to  
17 other duties, obtain information on the performance of a judge or Justice by  
18 soliciting comments from members of the Vermont Bar and the public.

19 Sec. 13. 12 V.S.A. § 3 is amended to read:

### 20 § 3. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL RULES

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1 (b) The Committee shall meet as necessary for the prompt discharge of its  
2 duties and may use the staff and services of the Office of Legislative Counsel  
3 and the Office of Legislative Operations. The Committee shall adopt rules to  
4 govern its operation and organization. A quorum of the Committee shall  
5 consist of five members. For attendance at a meeting when the General  
6 Assembly is not in session, members of the Legislative Committee on Judicial  
7 Rules shall be entitled to the same per diem compensation and reimbursement  
8 for necessary expenses as provided members of standing committees under 2  
9 V.S.A. § 23.

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1 Sec. 14. 32 V.S.A. § 1052 is amended to read:

2 § 1052. MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; COMPENSATION  
3 AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

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5 (b) During any session of the General Assembly, each member is entitled to  
6 receive reimbursement of expenses as set forth in this subsection.

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8 (2) Meals. Each member shall receive either a meals allowance or  
9 reimbursement of actual meals expenses. A member shall be presumed to have  
10 elected to receive the meals allowance unless the member informs the Joint  
11 Fiscal Office of Legislative Operations by a date established by the Joint Fiscal  
12 Office of Legislative Operations that the member wishes to receive  
13 reimbursement of actual meals expenses. A member's election to receive  
14 reimbursement of actual meals expenses shall remain in effect through the  
15 remainder of that session unless the member notifies the Office, in writing, that  
16 the member needs to change to the meals allowance due to a change in  
17 circumstances or for another compelling reason.

18 (A) Meals allowance. A member who elects to receive a meals  
19 allowance shall receive an amount equal to the daily amount for meals  
20 determined for Montpelier, Vermont, by the federal Office of Government-

1 wide Policy and published in the Federal Register for the year of the session  
2 for each day the House in which the member serves shall sit.

3 (B) Meals reimbursement. A member who elects to receive  
4 reimbursement of expenses shall receive reimbursement equal to the actual  
5 amounts expended by the member for meals for each day that the House in  
6 which the member serves shall sit; provided, however, that the total amount of  
7 the weekly reimbursement available pursuant to this subdivision (B) shall not  
8 exceed the amount the member would have received for the same week if the  
9 member had elected the meals allowance pursuant to subdivision (A) of this  
10 subdivision (2). The member shall provide meal receipts or otherwise  
11 substantiate the amounts expended to the Joint Fiscal Office of Legislative  
12 Operations in the form and manner prescribed by the Director of Legislative  
13 Operations Chief Fiscal Officer.

14 (3) Lodging. Each member shall receive either a lodging allowance or  
15 reimbursement of actual lodging expenses. A member shall be presumed to  
16 have elected to receive the lodging allowance unless the member informs the  
17 Joint Fiscal Office of Legislative Operations by a date established by the Joint  
18 Fiscal Office of Legislative Operations that the member wishes to receive  
19 reimbursement of actual lodging expenses. A member's election to receive  
20 reimbursement of actual lodging expenses shall remain in effect through the  
21 remainder of that session unless the member notifies the Office, in writing, that

1 the member needs to change to the lodging allowance due to a change in  
2 circumstances or for another compelling reason.

3 (A) Lodging allowance. A member who elects to receive a lodging  
4 allowance shall receive an amount equal to the daily amount for lodging  
5 determined for Montpelier, Vermont, by the federal Office of Government-  
6 wide Policy and published in the Federal Register for the year of the session  
7 for each day the House in which the member serves shall sit.

8 (B) Lodging reimbursement. A member who elects to receive  
9 reimbursement of expenses shall receive reimbursement equal to the actual  
10 amounts expended by the member for lodging for each day that the House in  
11 which the member serves shall sit; provided, however, that the total amount of  
12 the weekly reimbursement available pursuant to this subdivision (B) for each  
13 week shall not exceed the amount the member would have received for the  
14 same week if the member had elected the lodging allowance pursuant to  
15 subdivision (A) of this subdivision (3). The member shall provide lodging  
16 receipts or otherwise substantiate the amounts expended to the Joint Fiscal  
17 ~~Office of Legislative Operations~~ in the form and manner prescribed by the  
18 ~~Director of Legislative Operations~~ Chief Fiscal Officer.

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20 Sec. 15. REPEALS

21 2 V.S.A. Chapter 16 (Office of Legislative Operations) is repealed.

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2 EFFECTIVE DATE SECTION LANGUAGE:

3 (x) Sections X-Y of this act shall take effect on passage.