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HOUSE BILL NO. 719

House Amendments in [] — February 12, 2000

A BILL to amend and reenact § 30-86 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Joint Commission on Technology and Science; membership.

Patrons—Purkey, Jones, S.C., Landes, May, Nixon and O'Brien; Senators: Mims and Schrock

Referred to Committee on Rules

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 30-86 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 30-86. Membership; terms; vacancies; chairman and vice chairman; expenses.

A. The Commission shall be composed of ~~nine~~ *twelve* members, ~~five~~ *seven* of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates from the membership thereof [, *in accordance with the principles of Rule 16 of the House of Delegates,*] and ~~four~~ *five* of whom shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections from the membership of the Senate. *Six members shall constitute a quorum.*

B. All appointments shall be for terms of four years. *The terms of those members appointed to the Commission in 2000 shall expire coincident with the terms of those members appointed to the Commission in 1997.* Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term. Whenever any legislative member fails to retain his membership in the house from which he was appointed, he shall relinquish his membership on the Commission and the appointing authority who appointed such member shall make an appointment from his respective house to complete the term. Any member may be reappointed for successive terms. *From among its membership,* the Commission shall annually elect a ~~chairman~~ and a ~~vice chairman~~ *from among its membership two cochairmen, who are members of different political party caucuses.*

C. Commission members shall receive compensation as provided in § 30-19.12 and shall be reimbursed from funds appropriated or otherwise available to the Commission for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

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