

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2001 SESSION

## CHAPTER 546

*An Act to amend and reenact § 51.5-31 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities.*

[H 2190]

Approved March 23, 2001

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 51.5-31 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 51.5-31. Board created.

There shall be a Virginia Board for People with Disabilities, responsible to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources. The Board shall be composed of forty members, to include the head or a person designated by the head of the Department for the Aging, Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, Department of Education, Department of Medical Assistance Services, Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, Department of Rehabilitative Services, and the Department for the Visually Handicapped; one representative of the protection and advocacy agency; one representative of the university-affiliated facility; one representative each, *to be appointed by the Governor*, of a ~~higher education training facility~~, of a local governmental agency, of a manufacturing interest, of ~~or~~ a retailing industry, of a ~~real estate interest~~ *high-technology industry*, of a public transit interest, and of a nongovernmental agency or group concerned with services for persons with developmental disabilities, ~~to be appointed by the Governor~~; *a banking executive, two persons one person* with disabilities other than developmental disabilities ~~to be appointed by the Governor~~; ~~two citizens from the Commonwealth at large to be appointed by the Governor~~; and ~~twenty~~ *twenty-four* persons with developmental disabilities or the parents or guardians of such persons; ~~to be appointed by the Governor~~. Of the last ~~twenty~~ *twenty-four* persons, at least ~~six~~ *eight* shall be persons with developmental disabilities; at least ~~six~~ *eight* shall be immediate relatives or guardians of persons with mentally impairing developmental disabilities; and at least one person shall be an immediate relative or guardian of an institutionalized person with a developmental disability.

Each member appointed by the Governor shall be appointed for a four-year term, except that of the members appointed in 1989, eight shall be appointed for a term of four years, eight shall be appointed for a term of three years, eight shall be appointed for a term of two years, and seven shall be appointed for a term of one year. Members so appointed shall be subject to removal at the pleasure of the Governor. Any vacancy other than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. No person appointed by the Governor shall serve for more than two successive terms.

The Board shall elect its chairman.