

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2002 SESSION

CHAPTER 365

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 30-171, 30-172 and 30-173 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the membership of the Virginia Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation.

[H 329]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 30-171, 30-172 and 30-173 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 30-171. Virginia Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation; membership; staff.

A. The Virginia Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation (the "Commission") is established in the legislative branch of state government. The Commission shall consist of the following members: (i) the members of the Commission on Interstate Cooperation of the Senate, (ii) the members of the ~~House Committee~~ *Commission* on Interstate Cooperation of the House of Delegates, and (iii) the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Delegates who shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the Commission.

B. The chairman and vice-chairman of the Commission shall serve for a period of two years, and the chairmanship and vice-chairmanship shall alternate between the chairman of the Senate Commission on Interstate Cooperation and the chairman of the House ~~Committee~~ *Commission* on Interstate Cooperation.

C. The Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation shall select such officials of state government as it deems proper to serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the Commission for terms of four years each.

D. The Division of Legislative Services shall furnish upon request such staff assistance and services to the Commission and its committees as may be required to carry forth the charge of the Commission.

§ 30-172. Powers and duties of Commission.

The Commission shall have the power and duty to:

1. Encourage and arrange conferences with officials of other states and other units of government;
2. Carry forward the participation of Virginia as a member of the Council of State Governments, both regionally and nationally;
3. Formulate proposals for cooperation between Virginia and other states;
4. Establish such committees as it deems advisable to conduct conferences and formulate proposals concerning subjects of interstate cooperation;
5. Monitor and evaluate the Commonwealth's participation in interstate compacts;
6. Review, evaluate, and recommend suggested uniform state legislation;
7. Require, at its discretion, from any appointee representing Virginia on any interstate compact, commission, committee, or board, a report on that organization's work and accomplishments;
8. Review, evaluate, and make recommendations concerning federal policies that are of concern to the Commonwealth;
9. Establish such committees as deemed advisable and designate the members of every such committee. State officials who are not members of the Commission may be appointed as members of any such committee, but at least one member of the Commission shall be a member of every such committee; and

10. Appoint persons drawn from the membership of the Senate, the membership of the House of Delegates, and officials of state and local government to serve on those intergovernmental boards, committees, and commissions as to which the Commonwealth is entitled to such appointment, or is invited to make such appointment; provided that members of the General Assembly shall be appointed as follows:

a. If an appointment be made from the membership of the Senate, such an appointment shall be made by the Commission on Interstate Cooperation of the Senate and shall be approved by the Committee on Privileges and Elections of the Senate; and

b. If an appointment be made from the membership of the House of Delegates, such appointment shall be made by the ~~Committee~~ *Commission* on Interstate Cooperation of the House of Delegates and shall be approved by the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

The Commission may provide such rules as it considers appropriate concerning the membership and the functioning of any committee established.

§ 30-173. Commission of Senate and Commission of House of Delegates on Interstate Cooperation.

A. There is established a Commission on Interstate Cooperation of the Senate, to consist of six senators. The members and chairman of this Commission shall be designated by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections.

B. There is established a ~~standing Committee~~ *Commission* on Interstate Cooperation of the House of Delegates, also to consist of six members; and the members and chairman of this ~~Committee~~ *Commission* shall be designated in the same manner as is customary in the case of the members and chairmen of ~~other~~ standing committees of the House of Delegates.

C. Such bodies of the Senate and of the House of Delegates shall function during the regular sessions of the General Assembly and also during the interim periods between such sessions. Their members shall serve until their successors are designated.