

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2003 SESSION

CHAPTER 239

An Act to amend and reenact § 2.2-2705 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia War Memorial Foundation; membership; removal.

[H 1625]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.2-2705 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-2705. Virginia War Memorial Foundation; purpose; membership; terms; compensation; staff.

A. The Virginia War Memorial Foundation (the Foundation) is established to serve as a policy foundation, within the meaning of § 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government. The Foundation shall be governed and administered by a board of trustees for the purpose of honoring patriotic Virginians who rendered faithful service and sacrifice in the cause of freedom and liberty for the Commonwealth and the nation in time of war.

B. The Foundation shall consist of the Secretary of Administration, who shall serve ex officio, and ~~seventeen~~ 17 other persons as follows: four members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; three members of the Senate to be appointed by the Committee on Privileges and Elections of the Senate; and ~~ten~~ 10 other persons appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. A majority of the trustees shall be members or veterans of the armed forces of the United States or the Virginia National Guard. Members appointed should include representatives of some or all of the various veterans organizations active in Virginia, as the Governor deems appropriate.

C. Except for initial appointments, all appointments shall be for a term of three years. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made for the unexpired term. No person shall be eligible to serve for more than three successive full three-year terms. However, any person appointed to an initial term of less than three years or to a vacancy shall be eligible to serve three additional successive full three-year terms thereafter. Trustees ~~may be removed~~ appointed by the Governor shall serve at his pleasure.

D. Trustees shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred while attending meetings of the trustees or performing other duties. However, such reimbursement shall not exceed the per diem rate established for members of the General Assembly pursuant to § 30-19.12.

E. The Secretary of Administration shall designate a state agency to provide the Foundation with administrative and other services.

F. The trustees shall adopt bylaws governing their organization and procedures and may amend the same. The trustees shall elect from their number a chairman and such other officers as their bylaws may provide. They shall also appoint an executive committee, composed of not less than five trustees, which committee shall exercise the powers and duties imposed on the Foundation by this section to the extent permitted by the trustees in their bylaws.