

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact §§ 10.1-502 and 10.1-503 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the*  
 3 *composition, officers, and duties of the Soil and Water Conservation Board.*

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5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That §§ 10.1-502 and 10.1-503 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 10.1-502. Soil and Water Conservation Board; composition.

9 The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board is continued and shall perform the functions  
 10 conferred upon it in this chapter. The Board shall consist of ~~twelve~~ 10 voting members. The Director of  
 11 the Department of Conservation and Recreation, ~~the Director of the State Cooperative Extension Service,~~  
 12 ~~the Director of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University,~~  
 13 ~~Research Division, the Associate Vice President for Agriculture and Extension of Virginia State~~  
 14 ~~University, and the State Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services or their designees or his~~  
 15 ~~designee,~~ shall be ~~members~~ a member of the Board. ~~One member~~ Three at-large members of the Board  
 16 shall be appointed by the Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, for a term coincident with  
 17 that of the appointing Governor; vacancies in the office of such appointed ~~member~~ members shall be  
 18 filled by the Governor. *At least two of the three at-large members should have a demonstrated interest*  
 19 *in natural resource conservation with a background or knowledge in dam safety, soil conservation,*  
 20 *water quality protection, or urban point or nonpoint source pollution control.* Four members shall be  
 21 farmers and two members shall be farmers or district directors, appointed by the Governor from a list of  
 22 two qualified nominees for each vacancy submitted by the Board of Directors of the Virginia  
 23 Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Soil and Water Conservation Board in  
 24 joint session, each for a term of four years. Appointed members shall not serve more than two  
 25 consecutive full terms. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made in the same manner as described  
 26 above, except that such appointments shall be for the unexpired terms only. The Board may invite the  
 27 Virginia State Conservationist, ~~Soil~~ Natural Resources Conservation Service, to serve as an advisory  
 28 nonvoting member. The Board shall keep a record of its official actions, shall adopt a seal and may  
 29 perform acts, hold public hearings, and promulgate regulations necessary for the execution of its  
 30 functions under this chapter.

31 § 10.1-503. Administrative officer and other employees; executive committee.

32 The Director shall provide technical experts and other agents and employees, permanent and  
 33 temporary, necessary for the execution of the functions of the Board. The Board may create an  
 34 executive committee and delegate to the chairman of the Board, or to the committee or to ~~one or more~~  
 35 ~~agents or employees~~ the Director, such powers and duties as it deems proper. Upon request of the  
 36 Board, for the purpose of carrying out any of its functions, the supervising officer of any state agency or  
 37 of any state institution of learning shall, insofar as possible under available appropriations, and having  
 38 due regard for the needs of the agency to which the request is directed, assign or detail to the Board,  
 39 members of the staff or personnel of the agency or institution, and make special reports, surveys, or  
 40 studies requested by the Board.

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