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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2837**

Offered February 11, 2003

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 23-74 and 23-75 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the University of Virginia's Board of Visitors; emergency.*

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Patron—Dillard

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Introduced at the request of the Governor

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Referred to Committee on Education

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That §§ 23-74 and 23-75 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 23-74. Meetings of board of visitors; quorum; rector; secretary.

The board of visitors shall meet at the University once a year, and at such other times as they shall determine, the days of meeting to be fixed by them. Five members shall constitute a quorum. ~~At the first meeting after the twenty-eighth day of February, in the year 1950, and every fourth year thereafter, they shall appoint from their own body a rector, who shall preside at their meetings. At the same time they shall appoint a secretary to the board.~~

*The board of visitors shall appoint, from among its members, a rector to preside at their meetings and a vice-rector to preside at their meetings in the absence of the rector. The rector and the vice-rector shall also perform such additional duties as the board may prescribe. The terms of the rector and vice-rector shall be for two years, commencing on July 1 of the year of appointment and expiring on June 30 of the year of the expiration of their terms.*

*The board shall also appoint, from among its members, a secretary for such term and with such duties as the board shall prescribe.*

In the absence of the rector and the vice-rector ~~or, the secretary may preside at any meeting. The board may also appoint a president or secretary substitute pro tempore, as provided in its bylaws, to preside in the absence of the rector, the vice-rector, and the secretary; and vacancies.~~

*Vacancies in the office of rector, vice-rector or secretary may be filled by the board for the unexpired term, as provided in the Board's bylaws.*

Special meetings of the board may be called by the rector or any three members. In either of such cases, notice of the time of meeting shall be given by the secretary to every member.

§ 23-75. Executive committee of board.

At every regular annual meeting of the board ~~they~~, *the members* shall appoint an executive committee for the transaction of business in the recess of the board, *which shall consist of* not less than three nor more than ~~five~~ *six* members, to serve for the period of one year or until the next regular annual meeting.

**2. That, notwithstanding the provisions of § 23-74 of this act, the rector appointed to succeed the rector whose term expires on or before April 1, 2003, and the vice-rector appointed pursuant to this act shall serve for terms that shall expire on June 30, 2005.**

**3. That, upon passage of this act, the board of visitors of the University of Virginia shall appoint a vice-rector and shall provide, in its bylaws, that a vice-rector shall be appointed every two years and shall automatically succeed the rector, upon the expiration of the rector's term.**

**4. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**

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