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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1228

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 23-296 and 23-297 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia.

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Referred to Committee on Education

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

**1. That §§ 23-296 and 23-297 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 23-296. Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia created; purpose.

There is hereby created and constituted an educational institution of the Commonwealth to be known as the "Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia as a state agency," hereinafter referred to as the "Museum." The purpose of the museum is to construct, operate, and maintain, in the Augusta County/Staunton/Waynesboro area Augusta County, Staunton, and Waynesboro areas of the Commonwealth, an outdoor museum in order to commemorate on an international scale the contribution which that the pioneers and colonial frontiersmen and frontierswomen of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries made to the creation and development of the United States. The Museum is an educational institution with responsibility to shall administer certain historical and interpretive programs as may be established.

§ 23-297. Board of Trustees; membership; terms; officers and committees; compensation.

A. The Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia shall be administered by a Board of Trustees consisting of ~~no more than twenty-five~~ 13 members. ~~The members shall that include six legislative members and seven nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed as follows: five four members of the House of Delegates shall to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; three two members of the Senate shall to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections; and nine seven nonlegislative citizen members shall to be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly.~~

B. Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Members appointed by the Governor shall serve terms as follows: three members shall serve for one year, two members shall serve for two years, two members shall serve for three years, and two members shall serve for four years. Thereafter, members appointed shall serve for four-year terms. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be made for the unexpired term. ~~The Governor may appoint, upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees, eight additional members for four-year terms who may be nonresidents of the Commonwealth and who shall serve at no expense to the Commonwealth.~~ ~~terms. All members may be reappointed. However, no House member shall serve more than four consecutive two-year terms, no Senate member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms, and no nonlegislative citizen member appointed by the Governor shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. Nonlegislative citizen members may be nonresidents of the Commonwealth.~~

C. The Board of Trustees shall elect a chairman, ~~vice-chairman~~ vice chairman, and such other officers from among its membership as it deems necessary. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The Board of Trustees shall meet at least four times each year. The meetings of the Board shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request. Seven ~~or more~~ of the members of the Board of Trustees shall constitute an executive committee.

D. ~~The Legislative members of the Board of Trustees shall be reimbursed for actual expenses and shall be compensated at the per diem rate established for members of the General Assembly for meetings receive such compensation as provided in § 30-19.12, and shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. However, nonlegislative citizen members shall not be eligible to receive compensation or reimbursement of expenses. Funding for the costs of compensation and expenses of the members shall be provided by the Office of the Secretary of Education.~~

The Office of the Secretary of Education shall provide staff support to the Board of Trustees. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Board of Trustees, upon request.

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59     *The chairman of the Board of Trustees shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an*  
60     *annual executive summary of the interim activity and work of the Museum no later than the first day of*  
61     *each regular session of the General Assembly. The executive summary shall be submitted as provided in*  
62     *the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative*  
63     *documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.*  
64     **2. That, the current membership of the Board of Trustees shall continue to serve until their**  
65     **respective terms expire. On July 1, 2004, the Board of Trustees shall consist of 13 members, of**  
66     **whom seven shall be nonlegislative citizen members.**