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044892812 1 **SENATE BILL NO. 406** 2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE 34 56 7 (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Rules on February 13, 2004) (Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Ruff) A BILL to amend and reenact § 62.1-69.34 of the Code of Virginia, relating to membership of the Virginia Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee. 8 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 9 1. That § 62.1-69.34 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: 10 § 62.1-69.34. Virginia Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee established; purpose; membership; 11 terms; meetings. A. The Virginia Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Committee," is hereby established in the executive branch of state government as an advisory 12 13 14 committee to the Virginia delegation to the Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission. The Committee 15 shall assist the delegation in fulfilling its duties and carrying out the objectives of the Commission, pursuant to § 62.1-69.39. The advisory committee shall be composed of 24 23 members that include six 16 17 legislative members and 11 nonlegislative citizen members, and four ex officio members. Members shall be appointed as follows: two members of the Senate, whose districts include a part of the Virginia 18 portion of the Roanoke River Basin, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and 19 20 ElectionsRules; four members of the House of Delegates, whose districts include a part of the Virginia 21 portion of the Roanoke River Basin, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in 22 accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of 23 Delegates; one nonlegislative citizen member at large appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; one nonlegislative citizen member at large appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; 11 24 25 nonlegislative citizen members selected by the legislative members of the advisory committee such that two are chosen from recommendations of whom two each shall be members of the each of the 26 27 following: the Central Virginia Planning District Commission and, the West Piedmont Planning District 28 Commission, and one shall be a member of the New River Valley Planning District Commission, from 29 among recommendations submitted by the respective planning district commissions, to be appointed by 30 the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections; two each shall be members of the Southside Planning District Commission, the Piedmont Planning District Commission, and the Roanoke Valley Alleghany 31 32 Planning District Commission, from among recommendations submitted by the respective planning 33 district commissions, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; and one member 34 selected by the legislative members of the advisory committee from among recommendations submitted 35 by the New River Valley Planning District Commission; and the Virginia member of the United States 36 House of Representatives, whose district includes the largest portion of the Basin, or his designee, and three representatives of the State of North Carolina appointed in a manner as the General Assembly of 37 38 North Carolina may determine appropriate. Except for the representatives of North Carolina, all 39 nonlegislative citizen members shall be citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Virginia member 40 of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Virginia General Assembly, and the 41 representatives of North Carolina shall serve ex officio without voting privileges. Of the 42 recommendations submitted by planning district commissions authorized to recommend two members, one member shall be a nonlegislative citizen who resides within the respective planning district. 43 However, the New River Valley Planning District Commission may recommend either one nonlegislative 44 citizen at large who resides within the planning district or one member, who at the time of the 45 recommendation, is serving as an elected member or an employee of a local governing body, or one 46 47 member of the board of directors or an employee of the planning district commission. All persons **48** recommended by the planning district commissions to serve as members of the advisory committee shall reside within the Basin's watershed, represent the diversity of interests in the jurisdictions comprising the 49 50 respective planning district commissions, and demonstrate interest, experience, or expertise in 51 water-related Basin issues.

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B. State and federal legislative members and local government officials appointed to the advisory 52 53 committee shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office- Initial appointments of nonlegislative 54 citizen members shall be staggered as follows: two members for a term of two years and three members for a term of one year appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections; and three 55 members for a term of two years and three members for a term of one year appointed by the Speaker of 56 the House of Delegates. Thereafter, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a. 57 Nonlegislative citizen members nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Senate Committee on 58 Rules and the Speaker of the House of Delegates to serve on the advisory committee, and ex officio 59

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members representing the State of North Carolina shall serve a term of two years. Initially, planning 60 district commissions authorized to recommend two nonlegislative citizen members to the advisory 61 62 committee shall recommend one member for a term of two years and one member for a term of one 63 year. However, the nonlegislative citizen member recommended to serve on the advisory committee by 64 the New River Valley Planning District Commission shall serve a term of one year. After the initial 65 staggering of terms, the term of office of nonlegislative citizen members recommended by the planning 66 district commissions shall be for two years. All members may be reappointed. Nonlegislative citizen members recommended by planning district commissions shall be eligible for reappointment, if such 67 members shall have attended at least one-half of all meetings of the Commission during their current 68 term of service. However, nomember recommended by a planning district commission Nonlegislative 69 70 citizen members shall serve for no more than three consecutive two-year terms. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be made for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be 71 72 filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The remainder of any term to which a 73 nonlegislative citizen member is appointed to fill shall not constitute a term in determining the member's 74 eligibility for reappointment.

75 The advisory committee shall elect a chairman and a vice chairman from among its voting members.
76 A majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum. The meetings of the advisory committee
77 shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the voting members so request.

78 2. That this act shall not be construed to affect existing appointment for which the terms have not

79 expired. However, any new appointments made after the effective date of this act shall be made in

80 accordance with the provisions of this act.