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SENATE BILL NO. 59

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-2455 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Charitable Gaming Board; membership.*

Patron—Potts

Referred to Committee on General Laws

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

**1. That § 2.2-2455 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2.2-2455. Charitable Gaming Board; membership; terms; quorum; compensation; staff.

A. The Charitable Gaming Board (the Board) is hereby established as a policy board within the meaning of § 2.2-2100 in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Board shall be to advise the Department of Charitable Gaming on all aspects of the conduct of charitable gaming in Virginia.

B. The Board shall consist of nine members appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the General Assembly as follows: ~~one member who is a member~~ *three members who are members* of a charitable organization subject to Article 1.1:1 (§ 18.2-340.15 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2 in good standing with the Department; one member who is a charitable gaming supplier registered and in good standing with the Department; one member who is an owner, lessor, or lessee of premises where charitable gaming is conducted; at least one member who is or has been a law-enforcement officer in Virginia but who is not (i) a charitable gaming supplier registered with the Department, (ii) a lessor of premises where charitable gaming is conducted, or (iii) a member of a charitable organization, or who has an interest in such supplier or charitable organization or owner, lessor, or lessee of premises where charitable gaming is conducted; and ~~five~~ *3* citizens who are not affiliated with a charitable organization, charitable gaming supplier, or owner, lessor, or lessee of premises where charitable gaming is conducted. To the extent practicable, the Board shall consist of individuals from different geographic regions of the Commonwealth. Each member of the Board shall have been a resident of the Commonwealth for a period of at least three years next preceding his appointment, and his continued residency shall be a condition of his tenure in office. Upon initial appointment, three members shall be appointed for four-year terms, three for three-year terms, and three for two-year terms. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for four-year terms. Vacancies shall be filled by the Governor in the same manner as the original appointment for the unexpired portion of the term. Each Board member shall be eligible for reappointment for a second consecutive term at the discretion of the Governor. Persons who are first appointed to initial terms of less than four years shall thereafter be eligible for reappointment to two consecutive terms of four years each. No sitting member of the General Assembly shall be eligible for appointment to the Board. The members of the Board shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

C. The Board shall elect a chairman from among its members.

D. A quorum shall consist of ~~five~~ *six* members. The decision of a majority of those members present and voting shall constitute a decision of the Board.

E. For each day or part thereof spent in the performance of his duties, each member of the Board shall receive such compensation and reimbursement for his reasonable expenses as provided in § 2.2-2104.

F. The Board shall adopt rules and procedures for the conduct of its business, including a provision that Board members shall abstain or otherwise recuse themselves from voting on any matter in which they or a member of their immediate family have a personal interest in a transaction as defined in § 2.2-3101. The Board shall meet at least four times a year, and other meetings may be held at any time or place determined by the Board or upon call of the chairman or upon a written request to the chairman by any ~~two~~ *three* members. Except for emergency meetings and meetings governed by § 2.2-3708 requiring a longer notice, all members shall be duly notified of the time and place of any regular or other meeting at least 10 days in advance of such meeting.

G. Staff to the Board shall be provided by the Department of Charitable Gaming.

**2. That the provisions of this act shall not affect the citizen members of the Charitable Gaming Board whose terms have not expired as of July 1, 2004.**

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