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HOUSE BILL NO. 2305

House Amendments in [] - January 26, 2005

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 19.2-163.02 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the membership of the Indigent Defense Commission.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate McDougle

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 19.2-163.02 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 19.2-163.02. Membership of Indigent Defense Commission; expenses.

The Virginia Indigent Defense Commission shall consist of 12 members, including the chairmen of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice, *provided, that if either is also the chairman of the Virginia State Crime Commission then [he the chairman of the Committee for Courts of Justice] shall appoint his vice chairman to serve on the Indigent Defense Commission in his stead;* the chairman of the Virginia State Crime Commission; the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court or his designee; two attorneys officially designated by the Virginia State Bar; two persons appointed by the Governor; two persons appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; and two persons appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections. At least one of the appointments made by the Governor, one of the appointments made by the Speaker, and one of the appointments made by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, shall be an attorney in private practice with a demonstrated interest in indigent defense issues. Persons who are appointed by virtue of their office shall hold terms coincident with their terms of office. All other appointments shall be for terms of three years.

The Commission shall elect a chairman and a ~~vice-chairman~~ *vice chairman* from among its membership. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The Commission shall meet at least four times each year. The meetings of the Commission shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

Members shall be paid reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Legislative members shall receive compensation as provided in § 30-19.12 and nonlegislative citizen members shall receive compensation for their services as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825.

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