

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 13.1-553 of the Code of Virginia, relating to boards of directors of*
3 *professional corporations.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. That § 13.1-553 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 13.1-553. Board of directors.

9 Except as provided in an agreement adopted pursuant to § 13.1-671.1 that is not in conflict with
10 § 13.1-544, a professional corporation organized pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall be
11 governed by a board of directors, which shall have the full management of the business and affairs of
12 the corporation and continuing exclusive authority to make management decisions on its behalf, and no
13 shareholder shall have the power to bind the corporation within the scope of its business or profession
14 merely by virtue of his being a shareholder. *To the extent the board of directors is eliminated or its*
15 *make-up or manner of selection is modified by an agreement adopted pursuant to § 13.1-671.1, only*
16 *individuals or entities licensed or otherwise legally authorized to render the same professional services*
17 *within the Commonwealth as the services provided by the professional corporation or its shareholders*
18 *shall supervise and direct the provision of professional services of that professional corporation or its*
19 *shareholders within the Commonwealth; however, (i) in the case of a corporation rendering the services*
20 *of architects, professional engineers, or land surveyors, or any combination thereof, such supervision*
21 *and direction may be provided by individuals who are employees of the corporation and are not duly*
22 *licensed to render such professional services so long as at least two-thirds of the individuals providing*
23 *such supervision and direction are employees of the corporation and duly licensed to render such*
24 *professional services and (ii) in the case of a corporation rendering the services of certified landscape*
25 *architects, such supervision and direction may be provided by individuals who are employees of the*
26 *corporation and are not legally authorized to use the title of certified landscape architect so long as at*
27 *least two-thirds of the individuals providing such supervision and direction are employees of the*
28 *corporation and legally authorized to use such a title.* The articles of incorporation may prescribe the
29 manner in which the board of directors shall be chosen and the number thereof, subject to the following
30 provisions: a corporation rendering the services of architects, professional engineers, land surveyors and
31 certified landscape architects, or any combination thereof, may elect to its board of directors not more
32 than one-third of its members who are employees of the corporation and are not authorized to render the
33 services of an architect, a professional engineer, land surveyor or certified landscape architect. Provided
34 that no person not duly licensed or otherwise duly authorized to render the professional services of the
35 corporation shall be a member of the board of directors, except as provided for corporations rendering
36 the services of architects, professional engineers, land surveyors or certified landscape architects. The
37 board of directors, including the first board of directors, shall consist of one or more members. The
38 number of directors shall be fixed by the bylaws except as to the number of the first board of directors,
39 which shall be fixed by the articles of incorporation. The number of directors may be increased or
40 decreased from time to time by amendment of the bylaws, unless the articles of incorporation provide
41 that a change in the number of directors shall be made only by amendment of the articles of
42 incorporation. In the absence of a bylaw fixing the number of directors, the number shall be the same as
43 that stated in the articles of incorporation.

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