

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 2.2-2428 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Public*  
3 *Broadcasting Board; membership.*

4 [H 2153]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 2.2-2428 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 2.2-2428. Virginia Public Broadcasting Board; membership; terms; chairman; compensation.

9 A. To achieve the public purposes set forth in § 2.2-2426, the Virginia Public Broadcasting Board  
10 (the Board) is established as a policy board, within the meaning of § 2.2-2100, in the executive branch  
11 of state government. The Board shall be under the direction and supervision of the Secretary of  
12 Administration. The exercise by the Board of the powers conferred by this article shall be deemed and  
13 held to be the performance of essential governmental functions.

14 B. The Board shall consist of ~~fifteen~~ 14 members. The Governor shall appoint ~~eleven~~ 11 members,  
15 one from each congressional district of the Commonwealth, each of whom shall be confirmed by the  
16 affirmative vote of a majority of those voting in each house of the General Assembly. Three of the  
17 appointees shall have expertise in at least one of the areas of education, tourism, telecommunications,  
18 and economic development, and two shall be participating members of different public broadcasting  
19 stations in the Commonwealth. The president of the State Board of Education and the chairmen of the  
20 State Council of Higher Education, the State Board of Community Colleges, and the Board of Trustees  
21 of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, or their designees, shall serve as Board members concurrent with  
22 their terms in office. No Board member shall be the chief executive officer or head of any state agency,  
23 a member of the General Assembly, or an officer, director, employee, or member of the board of  
24 directors of any public broadcasting station.

25 C. After the original appointments, all other appointments shall be for four-year terms. A member  
26 appointed to an initial term may serve one additional four-year term.

27 D. Vacancies for unexpired terms shall be filled by the Governor in the same manner as the original  
28 appointment. If the General Assembly refuses or fails to confirm any appointment, such person shall not  
29 be eligible for reappointment.

30 E. The Governor shall designate a Board member to serve as chairman, who shall preside over  
31 meetings of the Board, communicate on behalf of the Board to the outside entities interested in public  
32 broadcasting, and perform additional duties as may be set by resolution of the Board. Board members  
33 may elect a vice-chairman from their membership and appoint a secretary who need not be a member of  
34 the Board. The Board shall meet at the call of its chairman. A majority of the Board members shall  
35 constitute a quorum.

36 F. Board members shall be reimbursed for the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in  
37 discharge of their duties as provided in § 2.2-2823. Such reimbursements and other expenses of the  
38 Board shall be paid from funds that the Department of Planning and Budget shall annually withhold  
39 from appropriations to public broadcasting stations in an amount sufficient to defray the estimated  
40 reasonable and necessary expenses of the Board.

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