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**HOUSE BILL NO. 957**

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-4832 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Northern Virginia Transportation Authority members.*

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

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

**1. That § 15.2-4832 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 15.2-4832. Composition of Authority; membership; terms.

The Authority shall consist of 16 17 members as follows:

The chief elected officer of the governing body of each county and city embraced by the Authority or, in the discretion of the chief elected officer, his designee, who shall be a current elected officer of such governing body;

*One mayor of a town that is within any county embraced by the Authority, appointed by the Governor, with future appointees to this position rotated equally among all such towns;*

Two members of the House of Delegates who reside in different counties or cities embraced by the Authority, appointed by the Speaker of the House, to the extent practicable, from the membership of the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Finance, or the House Committee on Transportation;

One member of the Senate who resides in a county or city embraced by the Authority, appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, to the extent practicable, from the membership of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Senate Committee on Transportation; and

Two citizens who reside in counties and cities embraced by the Authority, appointed by the Governor. One gubernatorial appointment shall include a member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board who resides in a county or city embraced by the Authority. The remaining gubernatorial appointment shall be a person who has significant experience in transportation planning, finance, engineering, construction, or management and shall be a resident of a county or city embraced by the Authority, but shall not be a resident of the same county or city as the other gubernatorial appointee to the Authority.

Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. The gubernatorial appointee who is not a member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall serve for a term of four years. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

In addition, the following persons shall serve as nonvoting members of the Authority: the Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, or his designee, and the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner, or his designee.

The Authority shall appoint the chairman and vice-chairman.

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