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## HOUSE BILL NO. 2133

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 58.1-3374 of the Code of Virginia, relating to boards of equalization; term limits.*

Patron—Miller, J.H.

Referred to Committee on Finance

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

#### **1. That § 58.1-3374 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 58.1-3374. Qualifications of members; vacancies; maximum terms.

Except as provided in § 58.1-3371 or § 58.1-3373, every board of equalization shall be composed of not less than three nor more than five members. All members of every board of equalization shall be residents, a majority of whom shall be freeholders, in the county or city for which they are to serve and shall be selected from the citizens of the county or city. Appointments to the board of equalization shall be broadly representative of the community. Thirty percent of the members of the board shall be commercial or residential real estate appraisers, other real estate professionals, builders, developers, or legal or financial professionals, and at least one such member shall sit in all cases involving commercial, industrial or multi-family residential property, unless waived by the taxpayer. No member of the board of assessors shall be eligible for appointment to the board of equalization for the same reassessment. In order to be eligible for appointment, each prospective member of such board shall attend and participate in the basic course of instruction given by the Department of Taxation under § 58.1-206. In addition, at least once in every four years of service on a board of equalization, each member of a board of equalization shall take continuing education instruction provided by the Tax Commissioner pursuant to § 58.1-206. Any vacancy occurring on any board of equalization shall be filled for the unexpired term by the authority making the original appointment.

~~In no case shall a person serve as a member of a board of equalization for more than nine consecutive years, and upon the expiration of such nine consecutive years such person shall not be eligible for reappointment for a period of three years.~~

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