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HOUSE BILL NO. 544

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 33-255.44:12 of the Code of Virginia, continued in effect and carried by reference in § 33.1-320 of the Code of Virginia, relating to composition of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Metropolitan Authority.

Patrons—Nixon and Ware, R.L.; Senator: Martin

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 33-255.44:12 of the Code of Virginia, continued in effect and carried by reference in § 33.1-320 of the Code of Virginia, is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 33-255.44:12. Creation of the Authority.-There is hereby created a political subdivision and public body corporate and politic of the Commonwealth of Virginia to be known as the "Richmond Metropolitan Authority" (hereinafter referred to as the "Authority") to be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of eleven members~~,~~ *as follows:* ~~one member to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Chesterfield County for a period of two years from the date of appointment; one member~~ *three members* to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Chesterfield County for ~~a term~~ *terms* of four years from the date of appointment; ~~one member to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Henrico County for a period of two years from the date of appointment; one member~~ *three members* to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Henrico County for ~~a term~~ *terms* of four years from the date of appointment; *one member to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Hanover County for a term of four years from the date of appointment;* ~~three members to be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Richmond with the approval of the City Council for a term of two years from the date of appointment;~~ three members to be appointed by the ~~Mayor of the City of Richmond with the approval of the~~ City Council *of the City of Richmond* for ~~a term~~ *terms* of four years from the date of appointment and one ex-officio member from the ~~State Highway Commission~~ *Commonwealth Transportation Board* to be appointed by the ~~State Highway~~ *Commonwealth Transportation* Commissioner~~; and thereafter the appointive members of the Board shall be appointed for terms of four years and until their successors have been appointed and are qualified~~. Vacancies in the membership of the Board shall be filled by the appointment of the governing body which had appointed the member of the Board which created such vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term. The Board so appointed shall enter upon the performance of its duties and shall initially and annually thereafter elect one of its members as Chairman and another as Vice Chairman, and shall also elect annually a Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer who need not be a member of the Board. The Chairman, or in his absence the Vice Chairman, shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and in the absence of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Board shall elect a Chairman pro tempore who shall preside at such meetings. Six Directors shall constitute a quorum, and all action by the Board shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors present and voting. The members of the Board shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred in attendance upon meetings of the Board or while otherwise engaged in the discharge of their duties, and each member shall also be paid the sum of fifty dollars per day for each day or portion thereof during which he is engaged in the performance of his duties. Such expenses and compensation shall be paid out of the treasury of the Authority in such manner as shall be prescribed by the Authority.

2. That the terms of the additional Board members to be appointed by Chesterfield County and Henrico County and the Board member to be appointed by Hanover County shall commence on July 1, 2008. In order to implement the reduction in the Board membership appointed by the City of Richmond, the terms of all current members of the Board appointed by the City shall expire on July 1, 2008, and the City Council of the City of Richmond shall appoint three new Board members, which number may include members of the Board whose terms expire on July 1, 2008.