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SENATE BILL NO. 1461

Offered January 20, 2009

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 15.2-6018 and 15.2-6021 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Southwest Regional Recreation Authority.

Patrons—Puckett; Delegate: Bowling

Referred to Committee on Local Government

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 15.2-6018 and 15.2-6021 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-6018. Board of directors; appointments; terms.

The Authority shall be governed by a board of directors in which all powers of the Authority shall be vested. The Authority shall consist of members as follows:

1. One representative each ~~from~~ *appointed* by the governing body of the City of Norton and the Counties of Buchanan, Dickenson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Tazewell, and Wise to serve terms of three years;

2. Four additional non-voting members appointed by a majority vote of the members appointed in subdivision 1 to serve terms of two years; and

3. Any additional non-voting members as determined by the board.

Appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired terms. Any member may be reappointed. The directors shall elect from their membership a chairman and a vice-chairman. Each director shall, upon appointment or reappointment, before entering upon his duties take and subscribe the oath prescribed by § 49-1.

§ 15.2-6021. Southwest Regional Recreation Area rangers.

The board may appoint qualified persons as Southwest Regional Recreation Area rangers. The ranger may enforce the rules adopted by the Board and issue civil penalties for violations thereof ~~upon any premises located within~~ *and further be eligible for appointment as a special conservator of the peace in accordance with § 19.2-13 as necessary and proper to protect and enforce the safe use and enjoyment of the properties under the use and control of the Southwest Regional Recreation Area Authority.* The ranger may preserve law and order on any premises that is part of the Southwest Regional Recreation Area, any immediately adjacent property of landowners who are making land available for public use under agreement with the Authority, and on streets, highways, or other public lands utilized by the trails, parking areas, or related recreational facilities and other immediately adjacent public lands. The assignment of rangers to the duties authorized by this section shall not supersede the authority of any law-enforcement officers. The salary of all rangers shall be paid by the board. The board shall furnish each ranger with an official uniform to be worn while on duty and shall furnish and require each ranger while on duty to wear a shield with an appropriate inscription and to carry credentials certifying the person's identity and authority as a ranger.

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