VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2010 SESSION

CHAPTER 101

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-2235, 2.2-2316, 2.2-2685, 23-253.1, and 30-233 of the Code of Virginia, relating to membership of the Lieutenant Governor on certain boards, councils, and commissions.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 2.2-2235, 2.2-2316, 2.2-2685, 23-253.1, and 30-233 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-2235. Board of directors; members and officers; Executive Director.

The Authority shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of the Lieutenant Governor, the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, the Secretary of Finance, and the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System, or their designees, serving as ex officio, voting members, and 18 members to be appointed as follows: (i) one from each congressional district in the Commonwealth and one citizen at large, appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly; (ii) four citizens at large appointed by the Speaker of the House; and (iii) two citizens at large appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. The six citizens appointed by the General Assembly shall reside in regions of the Commonwealth that have a higher unemployment rate than that of the statewide average unemployment rate as reported by the Virginia Employment Commission for the preceding four years from the date of appointment. Ex officio members of the Board shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Four of the 12 directors initially appointed by the Governor shall be appointed for terms of two and one-half years, three for terms of four and one-half years, and five for terms of six and one-half years, from the effective date of their appointment; and thereafter the terms of members of the Board shall be six years. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two terms; however, after the expiration of the term of a member appointed to serve three years or less, two additional terms may be served if appointed thereto. Any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term. A person appointed to fill a vacancy may be appointed to serve two additional terms. Members of the Board shall receive their expenses and shall be compensated at the rate provided in § 2.2-2104 for each day spent on the business of the Board.

The Board shall elect from its membership a chairman and a vice-chairman, and shall also elect a secretary and a treasurer, who need not be members of the Board, and may also elect other subordinate officers, who need not be members of the Board. The Board may also form committees and advisory councils, which may include representatives who are not members of the Board, to undertake more extensive study and discussion of the issues before the Board.

A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the Authority's business, and no vacancy in the membership shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise the rights and perform all duties of the Authority.

The Board shall appoint the chief executive officer of the Authority, who shall not be a member of the Board, who shall be known as the Executive Director and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board and carry out such of the powers and duties conferred upon him by the Board.

§ 2.2-2316. Executive Director; Board of Directors; members and officers.

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2.2-2318, all powers, rights and duties conferred by this article or other provisions of law upon the Authority shall be exercised by an Executive Director with the advice and comment of a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be an advisory board within the meaning of § 2.2-2100.

B. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, the Secretary of Finance, the Secretary of Natural Resources, the Lieutenant Governor, and twelve 12 members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The members of the Board appointed by the Governor shall serve terms of six years each, except that the original terms of four members appointed by the Governor shall end on June 30, 2000, the original terms of three members appointed by the Governor shall end on June 30, 2001, and the original terms of three members appointed by the Governor shall end on June 30, 2002, all as designated by the Governor. Any appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board shall be made for the unexpired term of the member whose death, resignation or removal created the vacancy. All members of the Board shall be residents of the Commonwealth. Members may be appointed to successive terms on the Board of Directors. The Governor shall make appointments in such a manner as to ensure the widest possible geographical representation of all parts of the Commonwealth.

Each member of the Board shall be reimbursed for his or her reasonable expenses incurred in

attendance at meetings or when otherwise engaged in the business of the Authority and shall be compensated at the rate provided in § 2.2-2104 for each day or portion thereof in which the member is engaged in the business of the Authority.

- C. The Governor shall designate one member of the Board as chairman. The Board may elect one member as vice-chairman, who shall exercise the powers of chairman in the absence of the chairman or as directed by the chairman. The Secretary of Commerce and Trade, the Secretary of Finance, the Secretary of Natural Resources, *and the Lieutenant Governor* shall not be eligible to serve as chairman or vice-chairman.
- D. Meetings of the Board shall be held at the call of the chairman or of any seven members. Eight *Nine* members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Authority. An act of the majority of the members of the Board present at any regular or special meeting at which a quorum is present shall be an act of the Board of Directors.
- E. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, no officer or employee of the Commonwealth shall be deemed to have forfeited or shall have forfeited his or her office or employment by reason of acceptance of membership on the Board or by providing service to the Authority.
- § 2.2-2685. (Effective until July 1, 2013) Membership; terms; quorum; meetings; compensation and expenses.
- A. The Council shall be composed of 48 19 members that include eight legislative members and 40 11 nonlegislative members as follows:
 - 1. The Governor;
 - 2. The Lieutenant Governor;
 - 3. The Speaker of the House;
 - 3 4. The majority and minority leaders of the House of Delegates;
 - 4 5. The Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations;
 - 5 6. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
 - 6 7. The majority and minority leaders of the Senate;
 - 7 8. The Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee;
 - 8 9. One nonlegislative citizen member appointed by the Speaker of the House;
 - 9 10. One nonlegislative citizen member appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules;
 - 40 11. Two Cabinet Secretaries appointed by the Governor; and
 - 11 12. Five nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor.
- B. Legislative members and the two Cabinet Secretaries appointed by the Governor shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. In the event that a legislative member holds more than one of the positions listed in subsection A, such legislative member shall designate another legislative member or members, as applicable, to serve as the representative for the other position or positions. After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates or the Senate Committee on Rules shall be appointed for a term of two years, and nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor shall be appointed for a term of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. All members may be reappointed. No nonlegislative citizen member appointed by the legislative appointing authorities shall serve more than four consecutive two-year terms and no nonlegislative citizen member appointed by the Governor shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

The Governor shall serve as the chairman of the Council. The Council shall elect a vice-chairman from its membership. A majority of members of the Council shall constitute a quorum. The Council shall meet at least four times each year. The meetings of the Council shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever four or more members so request.

C. Legislative members of the Council shall receive such compensation as provided in § 30-19.12 and nonlegislative citizen members shall receive compensation as provided in § 2.2-2813 for the performance of their duties. All members shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Funding for the costs of compensation and expenses of the members shall be provided by the Department of Planning and Budget.

§ 23-253.1. Membership of board of trustees; quorum.

The management and control of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, hereinafter in this chapter called the "Museum," together with the building, contents, furnishings, grounds and other properties thereof shall be vested in a board of trustees composed of the following persons: (i) ex officio members: the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, the Speaker of the House of Delegates and the mayor of the City of Richmond; and (ii) regular members: the trustees who are in office on June 27, 1958, and their successors from time to time, consisting of not less than twenty five 25 persons and not more than thirty five 35 persons. The term of office of all regular members who are in office on June 27, 1958, shall continue until June 30, 1963, and shall expire at that time. All successors from time to time, whether for a full term or for the remainder of an unexpired term, shall be appointed and commissioned

by the Governor, upon the nomination of the trustees from the list of members of the Museum. The trustees appointed to hold office beginning on July 1, 1963, shall be divided as nearly as may be, into five equal groups, their terms of office to expire, respectively, one, two, three, four and five years thereafter. All trustees subsequently appointed shall hold office for a term of five years unless appointed for the remainder of an unexpired term. No person shall be eligible to serve consecutively for more than two successive complete terms. Nine trustees shall constitute a quorum at any meeting and a majority vote of those present shall control in all matters.

§ 30-233. (For expiration - See notes) Membership; terms; vacancies; chairman and vice-chairman.

The Commission shall consist of 12 11 members that includes six legislative members; and five nonlegislative citizen members, and the Lieutenant Governor. Members shall be appointed as follows: two members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; four members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; two nonlegislative citizen members, one of whom shall be a consumer with a disability and one shall be a member of the medical, insurance, or rehabilitation professions, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules upon consideration of the recommendation of the Governor, if any; and three nonlegislative citizen members, one of whom shall be a consumer with a disability, one shall be a member of the medical, insurance, or rehabilitation professions, and one shall be a citizen at large, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates upon consideration of the recommendations of the Governor, if any; and the Lieutenant Governor. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Commission shall be citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the chairman of the Commission and the respective Clerk, nonlegislative citizen members shall only be reimbursed for travel originating and ending within the Commonwealth of Virginia for the purpose of attending meetings.

Legislative members of the Commission and the Lieutenant Governor shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for terms of two years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Legislative and nonlegislative citizen members may be reappointed. However, no nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than four consecutive two-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

The Commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its legislative membership.