

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 2.2-2721 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Center for Rural*  
3 *Virginia Board of Trustees; membership.*

4 [H 604]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 2.2-2721 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 2.2-2721. Center for Rural Virginia Board of Trustees established; membership; terms; vacancies;  
9 chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and other officers as necessary; quorum; meetings.

10 A. The Center shall be governed by a board of trustees consisting of ~~18~~ 20 members that include six  
11 legislative members ~~and~~ 12 nonlegislative citizen members, *and two ex officio members* to be appointed  
12 as follows: four members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
13 Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the  
14 House of Delegates; two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; six  
15 nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; four  
16 nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and two  
17 nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General  
18 Assembly. *The Lieutenant Governor, or his designee, and the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, or his*  
19 *designee, shall serve ex officio with voting privileges.* Nonlegislative citizen members of the Board shall  
20 be citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

21 B. Legislative members *and ex officio members* shall serve terms coincident with their terms of  
22 office. Initial appointments of nonlegislative citizen members shall be staggered as follows: four  
23 members for a term of three years appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; two members  
24 for a term of two years appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and one member for a term of  
25 two years appointed by the Governor. Thereafter, nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the  
26 Speaker of the House of Delegates or the Senate Committee on Rules shall be appointed for a term of  
27 two years, and nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor shall be appointed for a term  
28 of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the  
29 unexpired terms. All members may be reappointed. However, no nonlegislative citizen member  
30 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates or the Senate Committee on Rules shall serve more  
31 than four consecutive two-year terms, and no nonlegislative citizen member appointed by the Governor  
32 shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is  
33 appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for  
34 reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

35 C. The Board of Trustees shall elect a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and such other officers as  
36 may be necessary from among its membership. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.  
37 The meetings of the Board shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the  
38 members so request.

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