

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 2.2-2235 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Economic*
3 *Development Partnership Authority; board of directors; membership.*

4 [H 292]
5 Approved

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

7 **1. That § 2.2-2235 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 2.2-2235. Board of directors; members and officers; Chief Executive Officer.

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

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

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

36 The Board shall appoint the chief executive officer of the Authority, who shall not be a member of
37 the Board, whose title shall be President and Chief Executive Officer and may be referred to as the
38 President or as the Chief Executive Officer, and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board and carry
39 out such of the powers and duties conferred upon him by the Board.