

## 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 201]

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;**  
9 **vacancies; 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 ~~20~~ 21 members that include six  
11 legislative members, 12 nonlegislative citizen members, and ~~two~~ three ex officio members to be  
12 appointed as follows: four members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the  
13 House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the  
14 Rules of the House of Delegates; two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee  
15 on Rules; six nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates;  
16 four 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, *and the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, or his designee*, shall serve ex officio with  
20 voting privileges. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Board shall be citizens of the Commonwealth of  
21 Virginia.

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

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

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