

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2016 SESSION

## CHAPTER 194

*An Act to amend and reenact §§ 30-172 and 30-173 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation.*

[S 600]

Approved March 1, 2016

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

**1. That §§ 30-172 and 30-173 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 30-172. Powers and duties of Commission.**

The Commission shall have the power and duty to:

1. Encourage and arrange conferences with officials of other states and other units of government;
2. Carry forward the participation of Virginia as a member of the Council of State Governments, both regionally and nationally;
3. Formulate proposals for cooperation between Virginia and other states;
4. Establish such committees as it deems advisable to conduct conferences and formulate proposals concerning subjects of interstate cooperation;
5. Monitor and evaluate the Commonwealth's participation in interstate compacts;
6. Review, evaluate, and recommend suggested uniform state legislation;
7. Require, at its discretion, from any appointee representing Virginia on any interstate compact, commission, committee, or board, a report on that organization's work and accomplishments;
8. Review, evaluate, and make recommendations concerning federal policies that are of concern to the Commonwealth;
9. Establish such committees as deemed advisable and designate the members of every such committee. State officials who are not members of the Commission may be appointed as members of any such committee, but at least one member of the Commission shall be a member of every such committee; and
10. Appoint persons drawn from the membership of the Senate, the membership of the House of Delegates, and officials of state and local government to serve on those intergovernmental boards, committees, and commissions as to which the Commonwealth is entitled to such appointment, or is invited to make such appointment; provided that members of the General Assembly shall be appointed as follows:

a. If an appointment be made from the membership of the Senate, such an appointment shall be made by the Commission on Interstate Cooperation of the Senate and shall be approved by the ~~Senate Committee on Rules~~ *Chair of the Committee on Rules*; and

b. If an appointment be made from the membership of the House of Delegates, such appointment shall be made by the Commission on Interstate Cooperation of the House of Delegates and shall be approved by the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

The Commission may provide such rules as it considers appropriate concerning the membership and the functioning of any committee established.

**§ 30-173. Commission of Senate and Commission of House of Delegates on Interstate Cooperation; membership; compensation and expenses; quorum.**

A. There is established a Commission on Interstate Cooperation of the Senate in the legislative branch of state government, to consist of six senators as follows: the ~~President pro tempore~~ *Chair of the Committee on Rules* of the Senate, who shall serve as Chairman of the Commission, and five members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.

B. There is established a Commission on Interstate Cooperation of the House of Delegates in the legislative branch of state government, also to consist of six members; and the members shall be appointed and the chairman of the Commission shall be designated from among the membership of the Commission by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation as contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates.

C. Such bodies of the Senate and of the House of Delegates shall function during the regular sessions of the General Assembly and also during the interim periods between such sessions. Members appointed and designated shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office.

D. Members of the commissions shall receive such compensation as provided in § 30-19.12 and shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to § 30-171 and this section as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Funding for the costs of compensation and expenses of the members shall be provided from existing appropriations to the Virginia Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation.

E. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum on each commission. Meetings of each

commission shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever a majority of the members so request.