

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 30-178 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Freedom of*  
3 *Information Advisory Council; terms of nonlegislative citizen members.*

4 [H 1932]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 30-178 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 30-178. Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council; membership; terms; quorum;**  
9 **expenses.**10 A. The Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council (the Council) is hereby created as an  
11 advisory council in the legislative branch to encourage and facilitate compliance with the Freedom of  
12 Information Act.13 B. The Council shall consist of 12 members as follows: the Attorney General or his designee; the  
14 Librarian of Virginia or his designee; the Director of the Division of Legislative Services or his  
15 designee; four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, one of whom shall be a  
16 member of the House of Delegates, and three nonlegislative citizen members, at least one of whom shall  
17 be or have been a representative of the news media; three members appointed by the Senate Committee  
18 on Rules, one of whom shall be a member of the Senate, one of whom shall be or have been an officer  
19 of local government, and one nonlegislative citizen at-large member; and two nonlegislative citizen  
20 members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall not be a state employee. The local government  
21 representative may be selected from a list recommended by the Virginia Association of Counties and the  
22 Virginia Municipal League, after due consideration of such list by the Senate Committee on Rules. The  
23 citizen members may be selected from a list recommended by the Virginia Press Association, the  
24 Virginia Association of Broadcasters, and the Virginia Coalition for Open Government, after due  
25 consideration of such list by the appointing authorities.26 C. All appointments following the initial staggering of terms shall be for terms of four years, except  
27 that appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired terms in the same manner as the original  
28 appointment. No nonlegislative citizen member shall be eligible to serve for more than two successive  
29 four-year terms. *At the end of a term, a nonlegislative citizen member shall continue to serve until a*  
30 *successor is appointed.* However, after the expiration of a term of three years or less, or after the  
31 expiration of the remainder of a term to which appointed to fill a vacancy, two additional terms may be  
32 served by such member if appointed thereto. Legislative members and other state government officials  
33 shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Legislative members may be reappointed for  
34 successive terms.35 D. The members of the Council shall elect from among their membership a chairman and a  
36 vice-chairman for two-year terms. The chairman and vice-chairman may not succeed themselves to the  
37 same position. The Council shall hold meetings quarterly or upon the call of the chairman. A majority  
38 of the Council shall constitute a quorum.39 E. Members of the Council shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed  
40 for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in  
41 §§ 2.2-2813, 2.2-2825 and 30-19.12, as appropriate. Funding for expenses of the members shall be  
42 provided from existing appropriations to the Council.

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