

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2019 SESSION

## CHAPTER 169

*An Act to amend and reenact §§ 54.1-3002 and 54.1-3603 of the Code of Virginia, relating to composition of the Boards of Nursing and Psychology; health regulatory boards; staggered terms.*

[H 2228]

Approved February 27, 2019

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

**1. That §§ 54.1-3002 and 54.1-3603 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 54.1-3002. Board of Nursing; membership; terms; meetings; quorum; administrative officer.**

The Board of Nursing shall consist of 14 members as follows: eight registered nurses, at least two of whom are licensed nurse practitioners; ~~three~~ *two* licensed practical nurses; ~~and~~ three citizen members; *and one member who shall be a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse.* The terms of office of the Board shall be four years.

The Board shall meet ~~each January~~ *at least annually* and shall elect *officers* from its membership a ~~president, a vice-president, and a secretary.~~ It may hold such other meetings as may be necessary to perform its duties. A majority of the Board including one of its officers shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at any meeting. Special meetings of the Board shall be called by the administrative officer upon written request of two members.

The Board shall have an administrative officer who shall be a registered nurse.

**§ 54.1-3603. Board of Psychology; membership.**

The Board of Psychology shall regulate the practice of psychology. The membership of the Board shall be representative of the practices of psychology and shall consist of nine members as follows: five persons who are licensed as clinical psychologists, one person licensed as a school psychologist, one person licensed as an ~~applied psychologist~~ *in any category of psychology*, and two citizen members. At least one of the seven psychologist members of the Board shall be a member of the faculty at an accredited institution of higher education in the Commonwealth actively engaged in teaching psychology. The terms of the members of the Board shall be four years.

**2. That for appointments to the Board of Nursing pursuant to § 54.1-3002 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by this act, that are set to begin July 1, 2021, one registered nurse and one licensed practical nurse shall be appointed for a term of one year, and any remaining appointments shall be for a term of four years. Thereafter, all appointments to the Board of Nursing shall be for a term of four years, as provided in § 54.1-3002 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by this act.**

**3. That for appointments to the Board of Psychology pursuant to § 54.1-3603 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by this act, that are set to begin July 1, 2020, one member shall be appointed for a term of one year, one member shall be appointed for a term of two years, and any remaining appointments shall be for a term of four years. Thereafter, all appointments to the Board of Psychology shall be for a term of four years, as provided in § 54.1-3603 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by this act.**

**4. That for appointments to the Board of Dentistry pursuant to § 54.1-2702 of the Code of Virginia that are set to begin July 1, 2020, one member shall be appointed for a term of one year, one member shall be appointed for a term of two years, and any remaining appointments shall be for a term of four years. Thereafter, all appointments to the Board of Dentistry shall be for a term of four years, as provided in § 54.1-2702 of the Code of Virginia.**

**5. That for appointments to the Board of Long-Term Care Administrators pursuant to § 54.1-3101 of the Code of Virginia that are set to begin July 1, 2019, one licensed nursing home administrator and one assisted living facility administrator shall be appointed for a term of one year, and any remaining appointments shall be for a term of four years. Thereafter, all appointments to the Board of Long-Term Care Administrators shall be for a term of four years, as provided in § 54.1-3101 of the Code of Virginia.**

**6. That for appointments to the Board of Medicine pursuant to § 54.1-2911 of the Code of Virginia that are set to begin July 1, 2020, three members shall be appointed for a term of two years, and any remaining appointments shall be for a term of four years. Thereafter, all appointments to the Board of Medicine shall be for a term of four years, as provided in § 54.1-2911 of the Code of Virginia.**

**7. That for appointments to the Board of Veterinary Medicine pursuant to § 54.1-3802 of the Code of Virginia that are set to begin July 1, 2019, the citizen member shall be appointed for a term of three years, and any remaining appointments shall be for a term of four years. Thereafter, all appointments to the Board of Veterinary Medicine shall be for a term of four years, as provided in § 54.1-3802 of the Code of Virginia.**

8. That for appointments to the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology pursuant to § 54.1-2602 of the Code of Virginia that are set to begin July 1, 2022, one speech-language pathologist shall be appointed for a term of two years, and any remaining appointments shall be for a term of four years. Thereafter, all appointments to the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology shall be for a term of four years, as provided in § 54.1-2602 of the Code of Virginia.

9. That for appointments to the Board of Pharmacy pursuant to § 54.1-3305 of the Code of Virginia that are set to begin July 1, 2022, one citizen member and one pharmacist shall be appointed for a term of three years, and any remaining appointments shall be for a term of four years. Thereafter, all appointments to the Board of Pharmacy shall be for a term of four years, as provided in § 54.1-3305 of the Code of Virginia.

10. That for appointments to the Board of Counseling pursuant to § 54.1-3503 of the Code of Virginia that are set to begin July 1, 2021, one member shall be appointed for a term of two years, two members shall be appointed for a term of three years, and any remaining appointments shall be for a term of four years. Thereafter, all appointments to the Board of Counseling shall be for a term of four years, as provided in § 54.1-3503 of the Code of Virginia.