

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2023 SESSION

CHAPTER 98

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 62.1-69.25, 62.1-69.29, and 62.1-69.30 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Rappahannock River Basin Commission; membership.

[S 1262]

Approved March 21, 2023

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 62.1-69.25, 62.1-69.29, and 62.1-69.30 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 62.1-69.25. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Rappahannock River Basin" means that land area designated as the Rappahannock River Basin by the State Water Control Board pursuant to § 62.1-44.38 and which is also found in the ~~Fourth, Seventeenth, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-seventh, and Twenty-eighth, and Thirty-first~~ Senatorial Districts or the ~~Eighteenth, Twenty-eighth, Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Fifty-fourth, Fifty-eighth, Eighty-eighth, Ninety-eighth, and Ninety-ninth~~ ~~Sixty-first, Sixty-second, Sixty-third, Sixty-fourth, Sixty-fifth, Sixty-sixth, Sixty-seventh, and Sixty-eighth~~ House of Delegates Districts, as those districts exist on January 1, ~~2012~~ 2024.

§ 62.1-69.29. Membership; terms; vacancies.

The membership of the Commission shall consist of ~~32~~ 30 members, which includes ~~15~~ 13 legislative members and 17 nonlegislative citizen members, to be appointed as follows: nine members of the House of Delegates, one member each of the ~~Eighteenth, Twenty-eighth, Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Fifty-fourth, Fifty-eighth, Eighty-eighth, Ninety-eighth, and Ninety-ninth~~ ~~Sixty-first, Sixty-second, Sixty-third, Sixty-fourth, Sixty-fifth, Sixty-sixth, Sixty-seventh, and Sixty-eighth~~ House of Delegates Districts, as those districts ~~existed~~ exist on January 1, ~~2012~~ 2024; ~~six~~ four members of the Senate, one member each of the ~~Fourth, Seventeenth, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-seventh, and Twenty-eighth, and Thirty-first~~ Senatorial Districts, as those districts ~~existed~~ exist on January 1, ~~2012~~ 2024; one member or designee of each of the 16 governing bodies of the jurisdictions in which not less than two percent of the jurisdiction is found wholly or partially within the Rappahannock River Basin, that at any time pass a resolution containing the language required by § 62.1-69.26, to be appointed by the respective local governing body; and one member or designee of a Soil and Water Conservation District found wholly or partially within the Rappahannock River Basin, to be appointed jointly by the Soil and Water Conservation Districts found wholly or partially within the Rappahannock River Basin. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Commission shall be citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

All members of the Commission shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. All members may be reappointed. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

For the purposes of this section, "nonlegislative citizen member" means a member of one of the local governing bodies or the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of the jurisdictions found wholly or partially within the Rappahannock River Basin.

§ 62.1-69.30. Chairman and vice-chairman; quorum; meetings.

The Commission shall elect *annually* a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. ~~Eleven~~ Nine members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. The Commission shall meet no more than four times each year. The meetings of the Commission shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request. Each member of the Commission shall have an equal vote.

2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on January 1, 2024.