

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1994 SESSION

## CHAPTER 239

*An Act to amend and reenact § 12.02 of Chapter 617 of the Acts of Assembly of 1986, which provided a charter for the County of Roanoke and to amend such chapter by adding a section numbered 12.05, relating to the school board.*

[H 19]

Approved April 4, 1994

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

**1. That § 12.02 of Chapter 617 of the Acts of Assembly of 1986 is amended and reenacted and such chapter is amended by adding a section numbered 12.05 as follows:**

§ 12.02. School board.

The county school board shall be composed of the same number of members as there are members of the board of supervisors, from each magisterial or election district of the county, who shall be ~~appointed by the school board selection commission~~ *elected by the qualified voters of the county* for four-year terms. The school board shall elect its own chairman.

*The initial election of the school board shall be held at the general election held in November, 1994. At the initial election one school board member shall be elected from each of the Hollins, Vinton and Windsor Hills election districts for an initial term of three (3) years. The term of office of the appointed school board member from the Vinton election district, whose term was to expire on June 30, 1995, shall not extend beyond December 31, 1994; and the term of office of the school board member from the Hollins election district, whose term was to expire on June 30, 1996, shall not extend beyond December 31, 1994. The next general election of the school board shall be held at the general election in November, 1995. At this election one school board member shall be elected from each of the Catawba and Cave Spring election districts for a term of four (4) years. The term of office of the appointed school board member from the Cave Spring election district, whose term was to expire on June 30, 1997, shall not extend beyond December 31, 1995. Thereafter school board members shall be elected for terms of four years as provided by general law for the election of school board members with staggered terms.*

*The terms of the appointed school board members from the Catawba and the Windsor Hills election districts being replaced at a subsequent election shall be extended to expire on December 31 of the year of the election of school board members replacing them, or the school board selection commission may appoint a member of the school board to serve for that reduced term until the election of a school board member from that election district. The school board selection commission shall be abolished on December 31 following the first election for school board members.*

*The terms of office for the elected school board members shall commence on January 1 following their election.*

*Members of the school board shall be qualified voters of the county and shall reside in the district from which they are elected.*

The chairman of the school board shall be considered head of this department for the purpose of appearing before the board of supervisors, unless some other person in the department shall be designated by the school board for such purpose.

§ 12.05. Vacancies.

*When a vacancy occurs in the office of an elected school board member, the vacancy shall be filled pursuant to §§ 24.2-226 and 24.2-227 of the Code of Virginia.*

**2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**