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## HOUSE BILL NO. 899

Offered January 25, 1994

A BILL providing for the Richmond Regional Authority for the City of Richmond, the County of Chesterfield and the County of Henrico, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining and operating the water and sewer, waste disposal, and transportation facilities that serve the three jurisdictions; defining the Authority's powers and duties.

Patrons—Hall, Ball, Cunningham, Jones, D.C., Rhodes and Watkins

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

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

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*Richmond Regional Authority.*

§ 1. There is hereby created and constituted a political subdivision of the Commonwealth to be known as the "Richmond Regional Authority." The exercise by the Authority of the powers conferred by this act in the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, operation and maintenance of the functions authorized by this act shall be deemed and held to be the performance of essential governmental functions.

The Authority shall consist of nine members: three members shall be chosen by the Council of the City of Richmond; three members shall be chosen by the Board of Supervisors of Chesterfield County; and three members shall be chosen by the Board of Supervisors of Henrico County. The members chosen shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing governing bodies. Members of the appointing governing bodies may be appointed to the Authority. A member shall continue to serve until his successor shall be duly appointed and qualified. The successor of each member shall be appointed to serve until his successor shall be duly appointed and qualified. The Authority shall annually elect one of its members as chairman and another as vice-chairman and shall also elect annually a secretary-treasurer, who may or may not be a member of the Authority.

The secretary-treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Authority and shall be custodian of all books, documents and papers filed with the Authority; the minute book or journal of the Authority; and its official seal. He shall have authority to cause copies to be made of all minutes and other records and documents of the Authority and certify under the official seal of the Authority that such copies are true copies, and that all persons dealing with the Authority may rely upon such certifications.

§ 2. The functions the Authority will take over from its three members and operate for their mutual benefit are:

1. Water and sewer;
2. Waste disposal; and
3. Transportation.

Until such time as the Authority delivers a resolution to each of the respective governing bodies stating its readiness to assume the operation of the functions listed, each jurisdiction shall continue to provide its functions.

When the resolution is delivered, the respective governing bodies shall promptly cooperate in delivering to the Authority the assets, books and records so that an uninterrupted delivery of services shall be maintained.

§ 3. To enable the Authority to carry out its duties, the provisions of the Virginia Water and Sewer Authorities Act, § 15.1-1239 through § 15.1-1270 of Title 15.1 of the Code of Virginia, are incorporated by reference herein subject only to the condition that the authorization in such Act to engage in activities other than water and sewer and waste disposal shall not be used by the Authority.

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