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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1373

Offered January 25, 1994

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 45.1-361.13 of the Code of Virginia, relating to membership of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.*

Patrons—Stump and Phillips

Referred to Committee on Mining and Mineral Resources

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

**1. That § 45.1-361.13 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 45.1-361.13. Virginia Gas and Oil Board; membership; compensation.

A. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board is hereby established. The Board shall be composed of ~~seven~~ *nine* members and shall have the powers and duties as specified under this chapter.

B. The Governor shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, the chairman and ~~six~~ *eight* additional members of the Board as follows: ~~two~~ *three* for an initial term of two years, ~~two~~ *three* for an initial term of four years, and three for an initial term of six years. Thereafter, the members shall be appointed for terms of six years. At all times, the Board shall consist of the following qualified members: the Director or his designee; one but not more than one individual who is a representative of the gas and oil industry; one but not more than one individual who is a representative of the coal industry; and ~~four~~ *six* other individuals who are not representatives of the gas, oil or coal industry. *The six other individuals each shall reside in different political subdivisions of the Commonwealth in which oil or gas exploration or production is occurring at the time of their appointment.* All vacancies occurring on the Board shall be filled by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, for the unexpired term within sixty days of the occurrence of the vacancy. As the terms of office, respectively, of the members expire, the Governor shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, to fill the vacancies so occasioned, qualified persons whose terms shall be for six years from the day on which that of their immediate predecessor expired.

C. Each member of the Board shall receive compensation and expenses in accordance with the provisions of § 2.1-20.3.

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