

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1996 SESSION

## CHAPTER 412

*An Act to amend and reenact § 37.1-195 of the Code of Virginia, relating to community services boards.*

[H 742]

Approved March 31, 1996

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

**1. That § 37.1-195 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 37.1-195. Community services board; appointment; membership; duties of fiscal agent.

Every city, county or combination of counties or cities or counties and cities establishing a community mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services program, before it shall come within the provisions of this act, shall establish a single community services board, with neither less than five nor more than eighteen members. When any city or county singly establishes a program, the board shall be appointed by the governing body of the local political subdivision establishing such a program. When any combination of counties or cities or counties and cities establishes a community services program, the board of supervisors of each county in the case of counties or the council in the case of cities shall establish the size of the board, shall elect and appoint the members of the board and shall designate an official of one member city or county to act as fiscal agent for the board. Appointments to the community services board shall be broadly representative of the community, to include consumers and family members of consumers *and sheriffs or their designees* when practical.

The county or city which comprises a single board and the county or city whose designated official serves as fiscal agent for the board in the case of joint boards shall annually audit the total revenues of the board and its programs and shall, in conjunction with the other participating political subdivisions in the case of joint boards, arrange for the provision of legal services to the board.

No such board shall be composed of a majority of elected officials as members, nor shall any county or city be represented on such board by more than one elected official.

The board appointed pursuant to this section shall be responsible to the governing body or bodies of the county or city or combination thereof which established such board.