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HOUSE BILL NO. 625

Offered January 19, 1996

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 36-115 and 36-135 of the Code of Virginia, relating to housing.

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That §§ 36-115 and 36-135 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 36-115. Subpoenas; witnesses; designation of subordinates.

In any matter before it on appeal for hearing and determination, the Review Board, or its designated subordinates, may compel the attendance of all needed witnesses in like manner as a circuit court, save the Review Board shall not have the power of imprisonment. In taking evidence, the chairman or any member of the Review Board, or its designated subordinates, shall have the power to administer oaths to witnesses. Where a designated subordinate ~~or~~ of the Review Board presides over hearings on appeals, such subordinate shall submit recommended findings and a decision to the Review Board pursuant to § 9-6.14:12.

§ 36-135. Board of Housing and Community Development; members; terms; chairman.

The Board of Housing and Community Development within the Department of Housing and Community Development shall consist of ~~thirteen~~ *sixteen* members as follows: ~~eleven~~ *fourteen* members, *at least one representing from each of the congressional district districts* in the Commonwealth, who are appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly; the Executive Director of the Virginia Housing Development Authority as an ex officio nonvoting member; and a member of the Virginia Fire Services Board, to be appointed by the chairman of that Board. Of the ~~eleven~~ *fourteen* members ~~representing each congressional district in Virginia~~, *three such members shall also represent contractors from each of the examined specialties of plumbing, heating and cooling, and electrical, and one such member shall represent a trades inspector appointed by the Governor, one member shall be appointed from each of the following categories: plumbing specialty contractor, heating and cooling specialty contractor, electrical specialty contractor, local government building trades inspector, local community development official, real estate salesperson or broker, single-family residential developer, multi-family residential developer and manager, nonprofit housing provider, commercial office developer and manager, shopping center developer and manager, housing or community finance specialist, design professional, and a citizen at large.*

Members shall serve for four-year terms and no member shall serve for more than two full successive terms. A chairman of the Board shall be elected annually by the Board.

2. That the provisions of this act shall not effect members of the Board of Housing and Community Development who were appointed and confirmed prior to July 1, 1996.

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