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SENATE BILL NO. 140

Offered January 11, 1996

A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.1-51.27:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Memorial Foundation.

Patron—Waddell

Referred to the Committee on Rules

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 2.1-51.27:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2.1-51.27:1. Virginia War Memorial Foundation; membership; expenses; names of Virginians "Missing in Action."

A. There is hereby created the Virginia War Memorial Foundation, hereinafter referred to as the Foundation. The Foundation shall be governed and administered by a board of trustees for the purpose of honoring patriotic Virginians who rendered faithful service and sacrifice in the cause of freedom and liberty for the Commonwealth and the nation in time of war.

The Foundation shall consist of the Secretary of Administration, who shall serve ex officio, and fifteen other persons as follows: (i) three members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; (ii) two members of the Senate to be appointed by the Committee on Privileges and Elections of the Senate; and (iii) ten other persons appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. A majority of the trustees shall be members or veterans of the armed forces of the United States or the Virginia National Guard. Members appointed should include representatives of some or all of the various veterans organizations active in Virginia, as the Governor may deem most appropriate. Of the trustees first appointed, all of whom shall begin their terms on July 1, 1992, five shall be appointed for a term of one year, five shall be appointed for a term of two years, and five shall be appointed for a term of three years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for a term of three years. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made for the unexpired term. No person shall be eligible to serve for more than two successive full three-year terms; however, any person appointed to an initial term of less than three years or to a vacancy shall be eligible to serve two additional successive full three-year terms thereafter. Trustees may be removed by the Governor at his pleasure. ~~The board of trustees may, by majority vote, elect to reimburse themselves from endowment funds~~ *Trustees shall be reimbursed for all or some of their actual expenses incurred by them while attending meetings of the trustees or performing other duties. Such* ~~However, such~~ reimbursement shall not exceed the per diem rate established for members of the General Assembly pursuant to § 14.1-18.

The Secretary of Administration shall designate a state agency or agencies to provide the Foundation with administrative and other services.

B. The trustees shall adopt bylaws governing their organization and procedures and may from time to time amend the same. The trustees shall elect from their number a chairman and such other officers as their bylaws may provide. They shall also appoint an executive committee, composed of not less than five trustees, which committee shall exercise the powers vested in and perform the duties imposed upon the Foundation by this section to the extent permitted by the trustees in their bylaws.

C. The names and homes of record designation of all Virginians "Missing In Action" as a result of the Vietnam War and all Virginians "Killed in Action" as a result of the Persian Gulf Conflict shall be placed in the Virginia War Memorial.

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