

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1997 SESSION

CHAPTER 181

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 9-351 and 9-352 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia-Israel Advisory Board.

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Approved March 8, 1997

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 9-351 and 9-352 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 9-351. Membership; terms; vacancies; chairman.

The Board shall consist of ~~twenty-five~~ *twenty-nine* members to be appointed as follows: six citizen members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, who may be members of the House or other state or local elected officials; six citizen members appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, who may be members of the Senate or other state or local elected officials; *and thirteen members appointed by the Governor* who represent business, industry, education, the arts, and government, *and the president, or his designee, of each of the four Jewish Community Federations serving the Richmond, Northern Virginia, Tidewater and Peninsula* ~~appointed by the Governor~~ *regions*. The Secretaries of Commerce and Trade, and Education, or their designees shall serve as ex officio members of the Board.

Citizen members shall serve for terms of four years. The Secretaries of Commerce and Trade, and Education, or their designees, shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term. Any member may be reappointed for successive terms.

The members of the Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman annually.

Members shall receive no compensation for their services.

§ 9-352. Powers and duties of the Board.

The Board shall:

1. Undertake studies and gather information and data in order to accomplish its purposes as set forth in § 9-350, and to formulate and present its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

2. Apply for, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations from public, quasi-public or private sources, *including any matching funds as may be designated in the appropriation act*, to enable it to better carry out its purposes.

3. Report annually its findings and recommendations to the Governor. The Board may make interim reports to the Governor as it deems advisable.

4. *Account annually on its fiscal activities, including any matching funds received or expended by the Board.*