

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1997 RECONVENED SESSION

CHAPTER 817

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 2.1-1.6, 9-6.23 and 9-6.25:1 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 35.2 of Title 2.1 an article numbered 8, consisting of sections numbered 2.1-563.36 through 2.1-563.41, relating to the Council on Information Management; creation of the Geographic Information Network Division and the Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board.

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Approved April 2, 1997

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 2.1-1.6, 9-6.23 and 9-6.25:1 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 35.2 of Title 2.1 an article numbered 8, consisting of sections numbered 2.1-563.36 through 2.1-563.41, as follows:

§ 2.1-1.6. State boards.

A. There shall be, in addition to such others as may be established by law, the following permanent collegial bodies affiliated with a state agency within the executive branch:

Accountancy, Board for
Aging, Advisory Board on the
Agriculture and Consumer Services, Board of
Air Pollution, State Advisory Board on
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, Virginia
Apple Board, Virginia State
Appomattox State Scenic River Advisory Board
Aquaculture Advisory Board
Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects, State Board for
Art and Architectural Review Board
Athletic Board, Virginia
Auctioneers Board
Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, Board of
Aviation Board, Virginia
Barbers, Board for
Branch Pilots, Board for
Bright Flue-Cured Tobacco Board, Virginia
Building Code Technical Review Board, State
Catocin Creek State Scenic River Advisory Board
Cattle Industry Board, Virginia
Cave Board
Certified Seed Board, State
Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board
Chickahominy State Scenic River Advisory Board
Child Abuse and Neglect, Advisory Board on
Chippokes Plantation Farm Foundation, Board of Trustees
Clinch Scenic River Advisory Board
Coal Mining Examiners, Board of
Coal Research and Development Advisory Board, Virginia
Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Fund Advisory Board
Coastal Land Management Advisory Council, Virginia
Conservation and Development of Public Beaches, Board on
Conservation and Recreation, Board of
Contractors, Board for
Corn Board, Virginia
Correctional Education, Board of
Corrections, State Board of
Cosmetology, Board for
Criminal Justice Services Board
Dark-Fired Tobacco Board, Virginia
Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, Advisory Board for the Department for the
Dentistry, Board of
Design-Build/Construction Management Review Board

Education, State Board of
 Egg Board, Virginia
 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board
 Farmers Market Board, Virginia
 Film Office Advisory Board
 Fire Services Board, Virginia
 Forensic Science Advisory Board
 Forestry, Board of
 Funeral Directors and Embalmers, Board of
 Game and Inland Fisheries, Board of
 Geology, Board for
 Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Board
 Health Planning Board, Virginia
 Health Professions, Board of
 Health, State Board of
 Hearing Aid Specialists, Board for
 Hemophilia Advisory Board
 Historic Resources, Board of
 Housing and Community Development, Board of
 Industrial Development Services Advisory Board
 Irish Potato Board, Virginia
 Juvenile Justice, State Board of
 Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board
 Marine Products Board, Virginia
 Medical Advisory Board, Department of Motor Vehicles
 Medical Board of the Virginia Retirement System
 Medicare and Medicaid, Advisory Board on
 Medicine, Board of
 Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board, State
 Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Board
 Military Affairs, Board of
 Mineral Mining Examiners, Board of
 Minority Business Enterprise, Interdepartmental Board of the Department of
 Networking Users Advisory Board, State
 Nottoway State Scenic River Advisory Board
 Nursing, Board of
 Nursing Home Administrators, Board of
 Occupational Therapy, Advisory Board on
 Oil and Gas Conservation Board, Virginia
 Opticians, Board for
 Optometry, Board of
 Peanut Board, Virginia
 Personnel Advisory Board
 Pesticide Control Board
 Pharmacy, Board of
 Physical Therapy to the Board of Medicine, Advisory Board on
 Plant Pollination Advisory Board
 Polygraph Examiners Advisory Board
 Pork Industry Board, Virginia
 Poultry Products Board, Virginia
 Private College Advisory Board
 Private Security Services Advisory Board
 Professional and Occupational Regulation, Board for
 Professional Counselors, Board of
 Professional Soil Scientists, Board for
 Psychiatric Advisory Board
 Psychology, Board of
 Public Buildings Board, Virginia
 Public Telecommunications Board, Virginia
 Radiation Advisory Board
 Real Estate Appraiser Board
 Real Estate Board
 Reciprocity Board, Department of Motor Vehicles
 Recreational Fishing Advisory Board, Virginia

Recreation Specialists, Board of
 Reforestation Board
 Rehabilitation Providers, Advisory Board on
 Rehabilitative Services, Board of
 Respiratory Therapy, Advisory Board on
 Retirement System Review Board
 Rockfish State Scenic River Advisory Board
 Safety and Health Codes Board
 Seed Potato Board
 Sewage Handling and Disposal Appeal Review Board, State Health Department
 Shenandoah State Scenic River Advisory Board
 Small Business Advisory Board
 Small Business Environmental Compliance Advisory Board
 Small Grains Board, Virginia
 Social Services, Board of
 Social Work, Board of
 Soil and Water Conservation Board, Virginia
 Soybean Board, Virginia
 State Air Pollution Control Board
 Substance Abuse Certification Board
 Surface Mining Review, Board of
 Sweet Potato Board, Virginia
 T & M Vehicle Dealers' Advisory Board
 Teacher Education and Licensure, Advisory Board on
 Tourism and Travel Services Advisory Board
 Transportation Board, Commonwealth
 Transportation Safety, Board of
 Treasury Board, The, Department of the Treasury
 Veterans' Affairs, Board on
 Veterinary Medicine, Board of
 Virginia Board for Asbestos Licensing
 Virginia Coal Mine Safety Board
 Virginia Correctional Enterprises Advisory Board
 Virginia Employment Commission, State Advisory Board for the
Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board
 Virginia Higher Education Tuition Trust Fund, Board of the
 Virginia Horse Industry Board
 Virginia Manufactured Housing Board
 Virginia Retirement System, Board of Trustees
 Virginia Sheep Industry Board
 Virginia Veterans Cemetery Board
 Virginia Waste Management Board
 Visually Handicapped, Virginia Board for the
 Voluntary Formulary Board, Virginia
 War Memorial Foundation, Virginia, Board of Trustees
 Waste Management Facility Operators, Board for
 Water Resources Research Center Statewide Advisory Board, Virginia
 Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators, Board for
 Well Review Board, Virginia.

B. Notwithstanding the definition for "board" as provided in § 2.1-1.2, the following entities shall be referred to as boards:

Compensation Board
 State Board of Elections
 State Water Control Board
 Virginia Parole Board
 Virginia Veterans Care Center Board of Trustees.

Article 8.

Virginia Geographic Information Network.

§ 2.1-563.36. Definitions.

As used in this article, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning:

"Base map data" means the digitized common geographic data that are used by most geographic information systems applications to reference or link attribute or other geographic data.

"Board " means the Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board.

"Council" means the Council on Information Management.

"Director" means the Director of the Council on Information Management.

"Division" means the Geographic Information Network Division.

"Geographic data" means data that contain either coordinates that reference a geographic location or area or attribute data that can be related to a geographic area or location.

"Geographic information system (GIS)" means a computerized system that stores and links geographic data to allow a wide range of information processing and display operations, as well as map production, analysis, and modeling.

§ 2.1-563.37. Geographic Information Network Division established.

There is hereby established within the Council on Information Management, a Geographic Information Network Division, which shall foster the creative utilization of geographic information and oversee the development of a catalog of GIS data available in the Commonwealth. The Division shall be headed by a coordinator who shall report to the Director. The Division shall exercise the powers and duties conferred in this article.

§ 2.1-563.38. Powers and duties of the Division; Division coordinator.

A. The powers and duties of the Division include:

1. Requesting the services, expertise, supplies and facilities of the Council from the Director on issues concerning the Division.

2. Accepting grants from the United States government and agencies and instrumentalities thereof and any other source. To those ends, the Division shall have the power to comply with such conditions and execute such agreements as may be necessary or desirable.

3. Fixing, altering, charging, and collecting rates, rentals, and other charges for the use or sale of products of, or services rendered by, the Division, at rates which reflect the fair market value.

4. Soliciting, receiving, and considering proposals for funding projects or initiatives from any state or federal agency, local or regional government, institution of higher education, nonprofit organization, or private person or corporation.

5. Soliciting and accepting funds, goods and in-kind services that are part of any accepted project proposal.

6. Establishing ad hoc committees or project teams to investigate related technology or technical issues and providing results and recommendations for Division action.

7. Establishing such bureaus, sections or units as the Division deems appropriate to carry out its powers and duties.

B. The Division shall have a coordinator, under the supervision of the Director, who shall:

1. Oversee the development of and recommend to the Council the promulgation of those policies and guidelines required to support state and local government exchange, acquisition, storage, use, sharing and distribution of geographic or base map data and related technologies.

2. Foster the development of a coordinated comprehensive system for providing ready access to electronic state government geographic data products for individuals, businesses, and other entities.

3. Initiate and manage projects or conduct procurement activities relating to the development or acquisition of geographic data and /or statewide base map data.

4. Plan for and coordinate the development or procurement of priority geographic base map data.

5. Develop, maintain, and provide, in the most cost-effective manner, access to the catalog of Virginia geographic data and governmental geographic data users.

6. Provide, upon request, advice and guidance on all agreements and contracts from all branches of state government for geographic data acquisition and design and the installation and maintenance of geographic information systems.

7. Compile a data catalog consisting of descriptions of GIS coverages maintained by individual state and local government agencies.

Nothing in this article shall be construed to require that GIS data be physically delivered to the Division. All state agencies that maintain GIS data bases shall report to the Division the details of the data that they develop, acquire, and maintain. This information shall be reported to the Division no later than June 30, 1998, after which each agency shall submit quarterly reports to the Division specifying all updates to existing data as well as all data development and acquisition currently in progress. Data exempt from the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.1-340 et seq.) need not be reported to the Division.

8. Identify and collect information and technical requirements to assist the Division in setting priorities for the development of state digital geographic data and base maps that meet the needs of state agencies, institutions of higher education, and local governments.

9. Provide services, geographic data products and access to the repository at rates established by the Division.

10. Ensure the compliance of those policies, standards, and guidelines adopted by the Council required to support and govern the security of state and local government exchange, acquisition, storage, use, sharing, and distribution of geographic or base map data and related technologies.

§ 2.1-563.39. GIS Fund created.

There is hereby created in the state treasury a special, nonreverting fund to be known as the GIS

Fund, hereafter referred to as "the Fund." The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. All moneys collected pursuant to subsection A of § 2.1-563.38 shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for the purposes set forth in this article. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller upon written request signed by the Director.

§ 2.1-563.40. Additional powers and duties of Director of the Council on Information Management.

The Director of the Council on Information Management shall have the power and duty, on the recommendation of the Coordinator, to (i) receive and dispense funds; (ii) enter into contracts for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this article; (iii) rent office space and procure equipment, goods, and services that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this article; and (iv) employ full or part-time personnel and to fix their compensation.

§ 2.1-563.41. Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board created; membership; terms; meetings; quorum.

A. The Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board (the "Board") is hereby created and shall advise the Division on issues related to the exercise of the Division's powers and duties.

B. The Board shall consist of seventeen members appointed as follows: (i) eleven members to be appointed by the Governor, including: four state agency officials or their designees consisting of the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner, the Executive Director of the Economic Development Partnership Authority, an agency director from one of the natural resources agencies, and one official from a state university; one elected official representing a local government in the Commonwealth; one member of the Virginia Association of Surveyors; one elected official who serves on a planning district commission; two representatives of utilities or transportation industries utilizing geographic data; and two representatives of private businesses with expertise and experience in the establishment, operation, and maintenance of geographic information systems; and (ii) five members of the General Assembly, three of whom shall be members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and two of whom shall be members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections. The Director of the Council on Information Management shall serve as an ex officio, voting member. Any members of the Board who are representatives of private businesses that provide geographic information services, and their companies, are precluded from contracting to provide goods or services to the Division.

C. The gubernatorial appointees to the Board shall serve five-year terms, except that three initial appointees shall serve three-year terms, three shall serve four-year terms, and the remainder shall serve five-year terms. Members appointed by the Governor shall serve no more than two consecutive full terms. All members of the Board appointed by the Governor shall be confirmed by each house of the General Assembly. Legislative members' terms shall be coincident with their terms of office.

D. The Board shall elect from its membership a chairman, vice chairman, and any other officers deemed necessary. The duties and terms of the officers shall be prescribed by the members. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Members of the Board shall receive no compensation for their services, but the nongovernmental members shall receive actual expenses in accordance with § 14.1-5. The Board shall meet at least quarterly or at the call of its chairman or the Director.

§ 9-6.23. Prohibition against service by legislators on boards and commissions within the executive branch.

Members of the General Assembly shall be ineligible to serve on boards and commissions within the executive branch which are responsible for administering programs established by the General Assembly. Such prohibition shall not extend to boards and commissions engaged solely in policy studies or commemorative activities. If any law directs the appointment of any member of the General Assembly to a board or commission in the executive branch which is responsible for administering programs established by the General Assembly, such portion of such law shall be void, and the Governor shall appoint another person from the Commonwealth at large to fill such a position. The provisions of this section shall not apply, however, to members of the Board for Branch Pilots, who shall be appointed as provided for in § 54.1-901; to members of the Board on Veterans' Affairs, who shall be appointed as provided for in § 2.1-741; to members of the Council on Indians, who shall be appointed as provided for in § 9-138.1; to members of the Virginia Technology Council, who shall be appointed as provided for in § 9-145.51; to members of the Board of Trustees of the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, who shall be appointed as provided for in § 23-231.3; to members of the Maternal and Child Health Council, who shall be appointed as provided for in § 9-318; to members of the Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council, who shall be appointed as provided for in § 2.1-750; to members of the Advisory Council on the Virginia Business-Education Partnership Program, who shall be appointed as provided for in § 9-326; to members of the Advisory Commission on Welfare Reform, who shall be appointed as provided for in § 63.1-133.44; to members of the Virginia Correctional Enterprises Advisory Board, who shall be appointed as provided for in § 2.1-451.2; to members appointed to the

Virginia Veterans Cemetery Board pursuant to § 2.1-739.2; ~~or~~ to members of the Commonwealth Competition Commission, who shall be appointed as provided *for* in § 9-343; *or to members of the Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board, who shall be appointed as provided for in § 2.1-563.41.*

§ 9-6.25:1. Advisory boards, commissions and councils.

There shall be, in addition to such others as may be designated in accordance with § 9-6.25, the following advisory boards, commissions and councils within the executive branch:

Advisory Board for the Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing
Advisory Board for the Department for the Aging
Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect
Advisory Board on Medicare and Medicaid
Advisory Board on Occupational Therapy
Advisory Board on Physical Therapy to the Board of Medicine
Advisory Board on Rehabilitation Providers
Advisory Board on Respiratory Therapy to the Board of Medicine
Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure
Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates
Advisory Council on the Virginia Business-Education Partnership Program
Appomattox State Scenic River Advisory Board
Aquaculture Advisory Board
Art and Architectural Review Board
Board for the Visually Handicapped
Board of Directors, Virginia Truck and Ornamentals Research Station
Board of Forestry
Board of Military Affairs
Board of Rehabilitative Services
Board of Transportation Safety
Board of Trustees of the Family and Children's Trust Fund
Board of Visitors, Gunston Hall Plantation
Board on Veterans' Affairs
Catoctin Creek State Scenic River Advisory Board
Cave Board
Chickahominy State Scenic River Advisory Board
Clinch Scenic River Advisory Board
Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Fund Advisory Board
Coastal Land Management Advisory Council, Virginia
Commonwealth Competition Council
Council on Indians
Council on the Status of Women
Debt Capacity Advisory Committee
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board
Falls of the James Committee
Forensic Science Advisory Board
Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Board
Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Problems
Governor's Mined Land Reclamation Advisory Committee
Hemophilia Advisory Board
Human Services Information and Referral Advisory Council
Interagency Coordinating Council on Housing for the Disabled
Interdepartmental Board of the State Department of Minority Business Enterprise
Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board
Local Advisory Board to the Blue Ridge Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Central Virginia Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Danville Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Eastern Shore Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Germanna Community College
Local Advisory Board to the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Local Advisory Board to the John Tyler Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Lord Fairfax Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Mountain Empire Community College
Local Advisory Board to the New River Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Northern Virginia Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Patrick Henry Community College

Local Advisory Board to the Paul D. Camp Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Piedmont Virginia Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Rappahannock Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Southside Virginia Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Southwest Virginia Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Thomas Nelson Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Tidewater Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Virginia Highlands Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Virginia Western Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Wytheville Community College
Maternal and Child Health Council
Medical Advisory Board, Department of Motor Vehicles
Medical Board of the Virginia Retirement System
Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Board
Motor Vehicle Dealer's Advisory Board
Nottoway State Scenic River Advisory Board
Personnel Advisory Board
Plant Pollination Advisory Board
Private College Advisory Board
Private Enterprise Commission
Private Security Services Advisory Board
Psychiatric Advisory Board
Radiation Advisory Board
Rappahannock Scenic River Advisory Board
Recreational Fishing Advisory Board, Virginia
Reforestation Board
Retirement System Review Board
Rockfish State Scenic River Advisory Board
Shenandoah State Scenic River Advisory Board
Small Business Advisory Board
Small Business Environmental Compliance Advisory Board
St. Mary's Scenic River Advisory Committee
State Advisory Board on Air Pollution
State Advisory Board for the Virginia Employment Commission
State Building Code Technical Review Board
State Health Benefits Advisory Council
State Land Evaluation Advisory Council
State Networking Users Advisory Board
State Public Records Advisory Council
Statewide Independent Living Council
Statewide Rehabilitation Advisory Council
Statewide Rehabilitation Advisory Council for the Blind
Staunton Scenic River Advisory Committee
Telecommunications Relay Service Advisory Board
Virginia-Israel Advisory Board
Virginia Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations
Virginia Advisory Council for Adult Education and Literacy
Virginia Coal Mine Safety Board
Virginia Coal Research and Development Advisory Board
Virginia Commission for the Arts
Virginia Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution
Virginia Correctional Enterprises Advisory Board
Virginia Council on Coordinating Prevention
Virginia Equal Employment Opportunity Council
Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board
Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council
Virginia Military Advisory Council
Virginia Public Buildings Board
Virginia Recycling Markets Development Council
Virginia Technology Council
Virginia Transplant Council
Virginia Veterans Cemetery Board
Virginia Water Resources Research Center, Statewide Advisory Board
Virginia Winegrowers Advisory Board.