

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 45.1-361.13 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Gas and*
3 *Oil Board.*

4 [H 1223]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 45.1-361.13 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 45.1-361.13. Virginia Gas and Oil Board; membership; compensation.

9 A. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board is hereby established. The Board shall be composed of seven
10 members and shall have the powers and duties as specified under this chapter.

11 B. The Governor shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, the chairman and
12 six additional members of the Board as follows: two for an initial term of two years, two for an initial
13 term of four years, and three for an initial term of six years. Thereafter, the members shall be appointed
14 for terms of six years. At all times, the Board shall consist of the following qualified members: the
15 Director or his designee; one but not more than one individual who is a representative of the gas and oil
16 industry; one but not more than one individual who is a representative of the coal industry; and four
17 other individuals who are not representatives of the gas, oil or coal industry. All vacancies occurring on
18 the Board shall be filled by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, for the
19 unexpired term within sixty days of the occurrence of the vacancy. As the terms of office, respectively,
20 of the members expire, the Governor shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, to
21 fill the vacancies so occasioned, qualified persons whose terms shall be for six years from the day on
22 which that of their immediate predecessor expired. *The Governor shall seek to appoint persons who*
23 *reside in localities with significant oil or gas production or storage.*

24 C. Each member of the Board shall receive compensation and expenses in accordance with the
25 provisions of § 2.1-20.3.

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