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SENATE BILL NO. 416

Offered January 26, 1998

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 63.1-14 and 63.1-15 of the Code of Virginia, requiring the Commissioner of Health to serve on the Board of Social Services.*

Patrons—Walker, Couric, Howell, Lambert, Miller, Y.B., Reynolds and Woods; Delegates: Behm, Brink, Diamonstein, Puller and Van Yahres

Referred to the Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That §§ 63.1-14 and 63.1-15 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 63.1-14. Board of Social Services.

There shall be a State Board of Social Services consisting of nine members ~~appointed by the Governor:~~ *eight gubernatorial appointees and the Commissioner of Health. The Commissioner of Health shall serve as an ex officio member with full voting privileges.* In making appointments the Governor shall endeavor to select appointees of such qualifications and experience that the membership of the Board shall include persons suitably qualified to consider and act upon the various problems which the Board may be required to consider and act upon. The Board shall include a member from each of the welfare regions of the ~~State~~ *state* established by the Commissioner of Social Services. ~~Provided, however, that the requirement for geographic representation shall not operate to deny reappointment to any person serving on the Board as of June 30, 1980, who is eligible for reappointment. The appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the General Assembly if in session and, if not, then at its next succeeding session. Whenever the words "State Board" or "Board" are used in this title, they shall be construed to mean and refer to the Board of Social Services.~~

§ 63.1-15. Term of office of members; suspension or removal.

The members of the Board shall be appointed for ~~four-year~~ *four-year* terms of ~~four years~~ *four years* each beginning July 1, 1974. Of the members first appointed, two shall be appointed for a term of two years, three shall be appointed for a term of three years and four shall be appointed for a term of four years. Thereafter, the appointments shall be for terms of four years, except *that* appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term.

No person ~~except the Commissioner of Health~~ *except the Commissioner of Health* shall be eligible to serve for or during more than two successive terms; ~~provided, however, any person heretofore or hereafter~~ *provided, however, any person* appointed to fill a vacancy may be eligible for two additional successive terms after the term of the vacancy for which he was appointed has expired. Members of the State Board may be suspended or removed by the Governor at his pleasure.

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