

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1999 SESSION

## CHAPTER 850

*An Act to amend and reenact §§ 9-53, 9-54, and 9-55 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal §§ 9-57.1 and 9-59 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation.*

[S 1056]

Approved March 29, 1999

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That §§ 9-53, 9-54, and 9-55 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 9-53. Establishment of Commission; duties; appointments.

There is hereby established, *in the legislative branch*, the Virginia Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation, which shall:

- ~~A.~~ 1. Encourage and arrange conferences with officials of other states and other units of government;
- ~~B.~~ 2. Carry forward the participation of Virginia as a member of the Council of State Governments, both regionally and nationally;
- ~~C.~~ 3. Formulate proposals for cooperation between Virginia and other states;
- ~~D.~~ 4. Establish such committees as it deems advisable to conduct conferences and formulate proposals concerning subjects of interstate cooperation;
- ~~E.~~ 5. Monitor and evaluate the Commonwealth's participation in interstate compacts;
- ~~F.~~ 6. Review, evaluate, and recommend suggested uniform state legislation;
- ~~G.~~ 7. Require, at its discretion, from any appointee representing Virginia on any interstate compact, commission, committee, or board, a report on that organization's work and accomplishments; ~~and~~
- ~~H.~~ 8. Review, evaluate, and make recommendations concerning federal policies which are of concern to the Commonwealth;

9. *Establish such committees as deemed advisable and designate the members of every such committee. State officials who are not members of the Commission may be appointed as members of any such committee, but at least one member of the Commission shall be a member of every such committee; and*

10. *Appoint persons drawn from the membership of the Senate, the membership of the House of Delegates, and officials of state and local government to serve on those intergovernmental boards, committees, and commissions as to which the Commonwealth is entitled to such appointment, or is invited to make such appointment; provided that members of the General Assembly shall be appointed as follows:*

*a. If an appointment be made from the membership of the Senate, such an appointment shall be made by the Commission on Interstate Cooperation of the Senate and shall be approved by the Committee on Privileges and Elections of the Senate; and*

*b. If an appointment be made from the membership of the House of Delegates, such appointment shall be made by the Committee on Interstate Cooperation of the House of Delegates and shall be approved by the Speaker of the House of Delegates.*

*The Commission may provide such rules as it considers appropriate concerning the membership and the functioning of any committee established.*

§ 9-54. Commission of Senate and standing committee of House of Delegates on interstate cooperation.

There is hereby established a Commission on Interstate Cooperation of the Senate, to consist of ~~five~~ six senators. The members and chairman of this Commission shall be designated by the Committee on Privileges and Elections of the Senate.

There is hereby established a standing Committee on Interstate Cooperation of the House of Delegates, also to consist of ~~five~~ six members; and the members and chairman of this Committee shall be designated in the same manner as is customary in the case of the members and chairmen of other standing committees of the House of Delegates.

Such bodies of the Senate and of the House of Delegates shall function during the regular sessions of the General Assembly and also during the interim periods between such sessions. Their members shall serve until their successors are designated.

§ 9-55. Members of Commission; chairman.

The Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation shall be composed of ~~ten~~ the following members; ~~namely:~~ (1 i) the ~~five~~ members of the Commission on Interstate Cooperation of the Senate ~~and~~, (2 ii) the ~~five~~ members of the Committee on Interstate Cooperation of the House of Delegates, ~~and~~ (iii) the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Delegates who shall serve as *ex officio*, nonvoting members of the Commission. The chairman and vice-chairman of the Commission shall serve for a

period of two years, and the chairmanship and vice-chairmanship shall alternate between the chairman of the Senate Commission on Interstate Cooperation and the chairman of the House Committee on Interstate Cooperation.

The Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation shall select such officials of state government as to it shall seem proper to serve as ex officio members of the Commission without vote for terms of four years each. The appointment of such ex officio members shall be subject to the approval of the Governor.

**2. That §§ 9-57.1 and 9-59 of the Code of Virginia are repealed.**

**3. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on January 12, 2000, except for the provisions of §§ 9-54 and 9-55 of this act, which shall become effective in due course.**