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HOUSE BILL NO. 2195

Offered January 20, 1999

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 33.1-1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to membership of the Commonwealth Transportation Board.*

Patrons—Rhodes, Albo, Baskerville, Bloxom, Crittenden, Darner, Drake, Grayson, Guest, Hall, Katzen, Moran, Robinson and Van Yahres

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 33.1-1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 33.1-1. State Highway and Transportation Board continued as Commonwealth Transportation Board; number and terms of members; removal from office; vacancies.

The State Highway and Transportation Board, formerly known as the State Highway and Transportation Commission, is continued and shall hereafter be known as the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Wherever either "Commission" or "Board" is used in this title referring to the State Highway and Transportation Board or the State Highway and Transportation Commission, it shall mean the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

The Board shall consist of ~~sixteen~~ *seventeen members: the Secretary of Transportation, the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner, the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and fourteen citizen members, who*. The citizen members shall be (i) appointed by the Governor *as provided in § 33.1-2*, (ii) subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, and ~~who shall~~ *be* (iii) removable from office during their respective terms by the Governor at his pleasure. Appointments of *citizen members* shall be for terms of four years commencing upon July 1, upon the expiration of the terms of the existing members, respectively. The initial terms of the members appointed in January, 1987, shall commence when appointed and shall be for terms ending June 30, 1988, June 30, 1989, and June 30, 1990, respectively. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the unexpired term and shall be effective until thirty days after the next meeting of the ensuing General Assembly and, if confirmed, thereafter for the remainder of the term. No person shall be eligible to serve more than two successive terms of four years, other than as the Secretary of Transportation ~~or, the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner, and the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation~~. A person heretofore or hereafter appointed to fill a vacancy may serve two additional successive terms.

The Secretary of Transportation shall serve as Chairman of the Board. The Secretary shall have voting privileges only in the event of a tie. The Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner shall serve as Vice-Chairman of the Board. The Commissioner shall have voting privileges only in the event of a tie when he is presiding during the absence of the Chairman. *The Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation shall serve without a vote.*

Whenever in this title and in the Code of Virginia "State Highway Commission" or "State Highway and Transportation Board" is used, it shall mean "Commonwealth Transportation Board"; "State Highway Commissioner" or "State Highway and Transportation Commissioner" shall mean "Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner"; and all references to "Department of Highways and Transportation" shall refer to the Department of Transportation.

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