

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 28.2-102 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Marine Resources*  
3 *Commission member qualifications.*

4 [H 2306]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 28.2-102 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 28.2-102. Commission membership; chairman; qualifications; terms; meetings.

9 A. The Commission shall consist of a chairman and eight additional members who, to the extent  
10 possible, shall be representative of all areas of interest in Virginia's marine resources, including  
11 commercial, recreational and environmental interests. At least one member shall, at the time of his  
12 appointment, have earned his livelihood for at least five years by working on Virginia waters *and shall*  
13 *be licensed and registered as a commercial fisherman as defined in § 28.2-241*, and one member shall  
14 be a representative of the sport fishing industry or a recreational fisherman who is not employed by the  
15 commercial fishing industry. The members, including the chairman, shall be appointed by the Governor  
16 and shall serve at his pleasure.

17 B. The chairman and two members of the Commission shall hold office for terms coincident with the  
18 term of the Governor making the appointments, or until their successors have been appointed and  
19 qualified. The terms of the remaining six members shall expire July 1, 1997, and these same six  
20 members shall be reappointed effective July 1, 1997, as successors. Their terms shall be as follows: two  
21 members shall be appointed for two-year terms, two members shall be appointed for three-year terms,  
22 and two members shall be appointed for four-year terms or until their successors are appointed and  
23 qualified. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for terms of four years or until their successors are  
24 appointed and qualified. No person, except the chairman, shall serve more than two consecutive  
25 four-year terms. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term.

26 C. The chairman shall be an experienced administrator with knowledge of seafood and marine affairs.  
27 He shall serve as Commissioner of Marine Resources.

28 D. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the Commission.

29 E. The Commission shall meet on the call of the chairman or three members at such times as he or  
30 they may deem necessary, and at such places as he or they may designate.