

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 10.1-502 of the Code of Virginia, relating to composition of the Virginia*
3 *Soil and Water Conservation Board.*

4 [H 1829]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 10.1-502 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 10.1-502. Soil and Water Conservation Board; composition.

9 The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board is continued and shall perform the functions
10 conferred upon it in this chapter. The Board shall consist of ~~40~~ 12 voting members. The Director of the
11 Department of Conservation and Recreation, or his designee, shall be a *nonvoting ex officio* member of
12 the Board. ~~Three~~ Six at-large members of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor. After the initial
13 staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. At least
14 two of the ~~three~~ at-large members should have a demonstrated interest in natural resource conservation
15 with a background or knowledge in dam safety, soil conservation, water quality protection, or urban
16 point or nonpoint source pollution control. *At least three of the at-large members, by their education,*
17 *training, or experience, shall be knowledgeable of stormwater management and shall be representative*
18 *of business and local government interests.* Additionally, four members shall be farmers and two
19 members shall be farmers or district directors, appointed by the Governor from a list of two qualified
20 nominees for each vacancy *jointly* submitted by the Board of Directors of the Virginia Association of
21 Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Soil and Water Conservation Board ~~in joint session~~, each
22 for a term of four years. All appointed members shall not serve more than two consecutive full terms.
23 Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made in the same manner as described above, except that such
24 appointments shall be for the unexpired terms only. The Board may invite the Virginia State
25 Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, to serve as an advisory nonvoting member.
26 The Board shall keep a record of its official actions, shall adopt a seal and may perform acts, hold
27 public hearings, and promulgate regulations necessary for the execution of its functions under this
28 chapter.

29 **2. That the provisions of this act shall not be construed to affect existing appointments for which**
30 **the terms have not expired. However, any new appointments made after the effective date of this**
31 **act shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this act.**

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