

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 2.2-2699.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Broadband Advisory*
3 *Council; Secretaries of Commerce and Trade and of Technology may appoint designees to serve on*
4 *the Council.*

5 [H 994]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**8 **1. That § 2.2-2699.3 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

9 § 2.2-2699.3. (Expires July 1, 2018) Broadband Advisory Council; purpose; membership;
10 compensation; chairman.

11 A. The Broadband Advisory Council (the Council) is established as an advisory council, within the
12 meaning of § 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Council shall be
13 to advise the Governor on policy and funding priorities to expedite deployment and reduce the cost of
14 broadband access in the Commonwealth.

15 B. The Council shall have a total membership of 11 members that shall consist of four legislative
16 members, five nonlegislative citizen members, and two ex officio members. Members shall be appointed
17 as follows: three members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
18 Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the
19 House of Delegates; one member of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; one
20 citizen representative from the Virginia Cable Telecommunications Association; one citizen
21 representative from the Virginia Telecommunications Industry Association and one citizen representative
22 from local government recommended by the Virginia Municipal League and Virginia Association of
23 Counties to be appointed by the Governor; two nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the
24 Governor; and the Secretaries of Commerce and Trade and Technology *or their designees*, who shall
25 serve ex officio. Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Other
26 members shall be appointed for terms of two years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by
27 expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as
28 the original appointments. All members may be reappointed.

29 C. Legislative members of the Council shall receive such compensation as provided in § 30-19.12.
30 Nonlegislative citizen members shall serve without compensation. All members shall be reimbursed for
31 all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in
32 §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Funding for compensation and expenses of legislative members shall be
33 provided by the operating budgets of the Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate
34 upon approval of the Joint Rules Committee. Funding for the costs of expenses of the nonlegislative
35 citizen members and all other expenses of the Council shall be provided by the Office of the Secretary
36 of Technology.

37 D. The Council shall elect a chairman and a vice chairman annually from among its membership. A
38 majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The Council shall meet at such times as may be
39 called by the chairman or a majority of the Council.

40 E. Staff to the Council shall be provided by the Office of Telework Promotion and Broadband
41 Assistance.

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