

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend and reenact § 12.1-10 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the State Corporation
3 Commission; pro bono legal services.

4 [S 778]
5 Approved

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

7 **1. That § 12.1-10 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 **§ 12.1-10. Prohibited conflicts of interests.**

9 A. As used in this section, "member of the immediate family of a member, subordinate, or employee
10 of the Commission" means (i) a spouse of a member, subordinate, or employee of the Commission or
11 (ii) any other person who resides in the same household as a member, subordinate, or employee of the
12 Commission and (a) who is a dependent of a member, subordinate, or employee of the Commission or
13 (b) of whom a member, subordinate, or employee of the Commission is a dependent.

14 B. The members of the Commission and its subordinates and employees shall not, directly or
15 indirectly, own any securities of, have any pecuniary interest in, or hold any position with any entity
16 whose rates, services, or financial ability to meet its obligations to the public are subject to supervision
17 or regulation by the Commission; nor shall any such person *having a license or certificate to practice*
18 *law* engage in the private practice of law *except by approval of the Commission on a pro bono publico*
19 *basis*. If a member of the immediate family of a member, subordinate, or employee of the Commission
20 is employed by any entity whose rates, services, or financial ability to meet its obligations to the public
21 is subject to supervision or regulation by the Commission, the member, subordinate, or employee of the
22 Commission shall recuse himself from and not participate in any regulatory matter at the Commission in
23 which such entity is a party.

24 C. This section shall not prevent any such person from being a policyholder in any insurance
25 company; from being a depositor in any bank, savings institution, or similar institution; or from being a
26 holder of a security issued by a unit investment trust or management company as those terms are
27 defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940 and in accordance with such rules as the Commission
28 may adopt.

29 D. Any member of the Commission who violates this section may be censured or removed from
30 office in the manner provided by Article VI, Section 10 of the Constitution of Virginia. Any subordinate
31 or employee of the Commission who violates this section may be removed from office by the
32 Commission.

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