

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 24 of Title 2.2 an article numbered 27,*
3 *consisting of sections numbered 2.2-2491 through 2.2-2495, relating to the Virginia African*
4 *American Advisory Board; report.*

5 [H 2767]

6 Approved

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

8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 24 of Title 2.2 an article numbered**
9 **27, consisting of sections numbered 2.2-2491 through 2.2-2495, as follows:**

10 *Article 27.*11 *Virginia African American Advisory Board.*12 **§ 2.2-2491. The Virginia African American Advisory Board.**

13 *The Virginia African American Advisory Board (the Board) is established as an advisory board in*
14 *the executive branch of state government.*

15 **§ 2.2-2492. Membership; terms; quorum; meetings.**

16 *A. The Board shall have a total membership of 26 members that shall consist of 21 nonlegislative*
17 *citizen members and five ex officio members. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed as*
18 *follows: 21 members, at least 15 of whom shall be African American, to be appointed by the Governor,*
19 *subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The Secretaries of the Commonwealth, Commerce and*
20 *Trade, Education, Health and Human Resources, and Public Safety and Homeland Security or their*
21 *designees shall serve ex officio with nonvoting privileges. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Board*
22 *shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.*

23 *B. Ex officio members of the Board shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office.*
24 *Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms.*
25 *Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be*
26 *reappointed.*

27 *After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of*
28 *four years. No nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The*
29 *remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in*
30 *determining the member's eligibility for reappointment.*

31 *C. The Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. A majority of*
32 *the members shall constitute a quorum. The meetings of the Board shall be held at the call of the*
33 *chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.*

34 **§ 2.2-2493. Compensation; expenses.**

35 *Members of the Board shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for*
36 *all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in*
37 *§§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825.*

38 **§ 2.2-2494. Powers and duties of the Board.**39 *The Board shall have the following powers and duties:*

40 *1. Advise the Governor regarding the development of economic, professional, cultural, educational,*
41 *and governmental links between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the African American community in*
42 *Virginia;*

43 *2. Undertake studies, sponsor symposiums, conduct research, and prepare factual reports in order to*
44 *gather information to formulate and present recommendations to the Governor relative to issues of*
45 *concern and importance to the African American community in the Commonwealth;*

46 *3. Advise the Governor as needed regarding any statutory, regulatory, or other issues of importance*
47 *to the African American community in the Commonwealth;*

48 *4. Apply for, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations from public, quasi-public, or private*
49 *sources, including any matching funds as may be designated in an appropriation act, to enable it to*
50 *better carry out its objectives; and*

51 *5. Submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly for publication as a report*
52 *document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the*
53 *processing of legislative documents and reports. The chairman shall submit to the Governor and the*
54 *General Assembly an annual executive summary of the interim activity and work of the Board no later*
55 *than the first day of each regular session of the General Assembly. The executive summary shall be*
56 *submitted as a report document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated*

57 *Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General*
58 *Assembly's website.*

59 **§ 2.2-2495. Staffing.**

60 *The Office of the Governor shall provide staff support to the Board. All agencies of the*
61 *Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Board, upon request.*

62 **2. That the initial appointments of nonlegislative citizen members shall be staggered as follows:**
63 **five members for a one-year term, five members for a two-year term, six members for a**
64 **three-year term, and five members for a four-year term.**