

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-2449, 2.2-2459, 2.2-2630, and 2.2-2631 of the Code of Virginia, relating to administration of government; boards and councils; cleanup.

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Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 2.2-2449, 2.2-2459, 2.2-2630, and 2.2-2631 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-2449. Membership; terms; vacancies; chairman.

The Board shall consist of ~~24~~ 26 members to be appointed by the Governor as follows: ~~18~~ 21 citizen members who shall represent business, education, the arts, and government, at least ~~14~~ 15 of whom shall be of Asian descent; and the Secretaries of Commerce and Trade, ~~the Commonwealth, Education, Health~~ and Human Resources, and ~~Education~~ Public Safety and Homeland Security, or their designees, to serve as ex officio members of the Board.

~~Beginning July 1, 2017, appointments shall be staggered as follows: six seven members for a term of two years; six seven members for a term of three years; and six seven members for a term of four years. Thereafter, Following the initial staggering of terms, citizen members shall serve for terms of four years. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term. No nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. The Secretaries of Commerce and Trade, the Commonwealth, Education, Health and Human Resources, and Education Public Safety and Homeland Security, or their designees, shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term. Any member may be reappointed for successive terms.~~

The members of the Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman annually.

Members shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses in accordance with § 2.2-2823.

§ 2.2-2459. Latino Advisory Board; membership; terms; compensation and expenses.

A. The Latino Advisory Board (the Board) is established as an advisory board, within the meaning of § 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government. The Board shall consist of 21 nonlegislative citizen members, at least 15 of whom shall be of Latino descent, who shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at his pleasure. In addition, the Secretaries of the Commonwealth, Commerce and Trade, Education, Health and Human Resources, Public Safety, and Transportation, or their designees shall serve as ex officio members without voting privileges. All members shall be residents of the Commonwealth.

B. After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired terms. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two successive four-year terms; however, after the expiration of the remainder of a term to which a member was appointed to fill a vacancy, two additional terms may be served by such member if appointed thereto.

C. The Board shall elect from its membership a chairman and vice-chairman. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Meetings of the Board shall be limited to four per year and shall be held upon the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

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

§ 2.2-2630. Council on Women; purpose; membership; terms; chairman.

A. The Council on Women (the "Council") is established as an advisory council, within the meaning of § 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Council shall be to identify ways in which women can reach their potential and make their full contribution to society and this Commonwealth as wage earners and citizens advise the Governor on matters pertaining to women and ways to improve their educational, professional, cultural, and governmental status within the Commonwealth.

B. The Council shall consist of ~~18~~ 21 members from the Commonwealth at large and one of the Governor's Secretaries as defined in § 2.2-200, ex officio with full voting privileges, all to be appointed

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by the Governor. Appointments shall be for terms of ~~three~~ *four* years, except appointments to fill vacancies, which shall be for the unexpired terms. The ex officio member shall serve a term coincident with his term of office. A majority of the membership of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

C. ~~The Governor shall appoint the chairman of the Council~~ *shall elect from its membership a chairperson and vice-chairperson.*

§ 2.2-2631. Powers and duties of Council.

The Council shall have the following powers and duties to:

1. Determine the studies and research to be conducted by the Council;
2. Collect and disseminate information regarding the status of women in the Commonwealth and the nation;
3. Advise the Governor, *the* General Assembly, and the Governor's Secretaries on matters pertaining to women in the Commonwealth and the nation;
4. Establish and award scholarships pursuant to regulations and conditions prescribed by the Council;
5. ~~Review and comment on all budgets, appropriation requests and grant applications concerning the Council, prior to their submission to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources or the Governor; and~~
6. 5. Develop programs and projects on matters pertaining to women in the Commonwealth and the nation through public-private partnerships.

2. That the initial terms of the three citizen members added to the Asian Advisory Board pursuant to this act shall be staggered as follows: one member shall be appointed for a term of one year; one member shall be appointed for a term of two years; and one member shall be appointed to a term of three years.

3. That the initial terms of the three citizen members added to the Council on Women pursuant to this act shall be staggered.