

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 62.1-256.2, relating to the Eastern*
3 *Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee established; sunset.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 62.1-256.2 as follows:**

8 **§ 62.1-256.2. Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee established; sunset.**

9 *A. The Department of Environmental Quality (the Department) shall establish the Eastern Virginia*
10 *Groundwater Management Advisory Committee (the Committee) as an advisory committee to assist the*
11 *State Water Commission and the Department in the management of groundwater in the Eastern Virginia*
12 *Groundwater Management Area. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Director of the*
13 *Department and shall be composed of nonlegislative citizen members consisting of representatives of*
14 *industrial and municipal water users; representatives of public and private water providers; developers*
15 *and representatives from the economic development community; representatives of agricultural,*
16 *conservation, and environmental organizations; state and federal agency officials; and university faculty*
17 *and citizens with expertise in water resources-related issues. The Department shall convene the*
18 *Committee at least four times each fiscal year. Members of the Committee shall receive no compensation*
19 *for their service and shall not be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of*
20 *their duties.*

21 *B. During each meeting of the Committee, the Department shall (i) update the Committee on*
22 *activities pertaining to groundwater management in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management*
23 *Area and (ii) solicit members to present topics and analysis for examination at future meetings. The*
24 *Committee may develop specific statutory, budgetary, and regulatory recommendations, as necessary, to*
25 *enhance the effectiveness of groundwater management in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater*
26 *Management Area.*

27 *C. The Department shall annually report the results of the Committee's examinations and related*
28 *recommendations, and any responses from the Department, to the State Water Commission, the*
29 *Governor, and the General Assembly no later than November 1 of each year.*

30 *D. The provisions of this section shall expire on July 1, 2025.*

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