

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1996 SESSION

CHAPTER 633

An Act to amend and reenact § 9-335 of the Code of Virginia, relating to selection of Chesapeake Bay Commission Virginia delegation alternate on the Virginia Chesapeake Bay Partnership Council.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 9-335 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 9-335. Membership; terms; compensation.

The Council shall consist of nineteen members as follows: four citizen members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; four citizen members appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections; four citizen members appointed by the Governor; and the chairmen of the House Chesapeake and its Tributaries Committee, the House Conservation and Natural Resources Committee, the Senate Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Committee and the Chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Commission Virginia delegation. The chairmen of the three standing committees of the legislature may select a member of their respective committees to serve in their place. *The Chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Commission Virginia delegation may select a member from among the legislative members of the delegation to serve in his place.* Nonvoting ex officio members shall include a Virginia representative of the three standing advisory committees of the interstate Chesapeake Bay Program. Citizen members shall include representatives of the scientific and technical community, ~~local~~ *locally elected* government officials, representatives of environmental organizations specifically working on Chesapeake Bay matters, representatives of educational institutions and other interest groups. The Council shall elect a chairman from among its legislative members.

Citizen members shall serve for terms of four years. Legislative members' terms of service shall coincide with their term as chairman of their respective committees. Any vacancies shall be filled by the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, as appropriate. Citizen members shall receive no compensation for their service but shall receive reimbursement for actual expenses. The Council shall meet at the call of the chairman or at least three times per year.

Staffing for the Council shall be provided by the Division of Legislative Services. All agencies of the Commonwealth with responsibility for Chesapeake Bay-related programs shall assist with the Council in its work and deliberations.