

1 PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGE

2 **§ 30-355. Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council;**  
3 **membership; terms; quorum; expenses.**

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5 A. The Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council (the Council) is hereby created  
6 as an advisory council in the legislative branch to encourage and facilitate compliance with the  
7 State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (§ 2.2-3100 et seq.) and the General  
8 Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act (§ 30-100 et seq.) (hereafter the Acts) and the lobbying laws  
9 in Article 3 (§ 2.2-418 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 2.2 (hereafter Article 3).

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11 B. The Council shall consist of nine members as follows: three members appointed by the  
12 Speaker of the House of Delegates, two of whom shall be members of the House of Delegates  
13 and one of whom shall be a former judge of a court of record; three members appointed by the  
14 Senate Committee on Rules, two of whom shall be members of the Senate and one of whom  
15 shall be a former judge of a court of record; and three members appointed by the Governor, one  
16 of whom shall be a current or former executive branch employee, one of whom shall be  
17 appointed from a list of three nominees submitted by the Virginia Association of Counties, and  
18 one of whom shall be appointed from a list of three nominees submitted by the Virginia  
19 Municipal League. In the appointment to the Council of members of the House of Delegates  
20 made by the Speaker and members of the Senate made by the Senate Committee on Rules, equal  
21 representation shall be given to each of the political parties having the highest and next highest  
22 number of members elected to their respective body. All members of the Council are subject to  
23 confirmation by the General Assembly by a majority vote in each house of (i) the members  
24 present of the majority party and (ii) the members present of the minority party.

25 C. All appointments following the initial staggering of terms shall be for terms of four years,  
26 except that appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired terms in the same manner as  
27 the original appointment. No non-legislative citizen member shall be eligible to serve for more  
28 than two successive four-year terms. However, after the expiration of a term of three years or  
29 less, or after the expiration of the remainder of a term to which appointed to fill a vacancy, two  
30 additional terms may be served by such member if appointed thereto. Legislative members and  
31 other state government officials shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office.  
32 Legislative members may be reappointed for successive terms.

33 D. The members of the Council shall elect from among their membership a chairman and a vice-  
34 chairman for two-year terms. The chairman and vice-chairman may not succeed themselves to  
35 the same position. The Council shall hold meetings ~~quarterly~~ or upon the call of the chairman *or*  
36 *whenever the majority of the members so request.* A majority of the Council appointed shall  
37 constitute a quorum.

38 E. Members of the Council shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be  
39 reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties  
40 as provided in §§ 2.2-2813, 2.2-2825, and 30-19.12, as appropriate. Funding for expenses of the  
41 members shall be provided from existing appropriations to the Council.