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House Bill 2479

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Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §7-12-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to
2 the management and control of the county authority vested in a board.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 12. COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES.

**§7-12-3. Management and control of county authority vested in board; appointment and
terms of members; vacancies; removal of members.**

1 The management and control of a county authority, its property, operations, business, and
2 affairs shall be lodged in a board of not fewer than ~~12~~ seven nor more than 21 persons who shall
3 be appointed by the county commission and be known as members of the authority. The county
4 commission shall appoint one member to represent the county commission on the board.
5 Members of the board shall be appointed by the county commission. The members of the authority
6 first appointed shall serve respectively for terms of one year, two years and three years, divided
7 equally or as nearly equal as possible between these terms. Thereafter, members shall be
8 appointed for terms of three years each. A member may be reappointed for such additional term or
9 terms as the county commission may deem proper. If a member resigns, is removed or for any
10 other reason his or her membership terminates during his or her term of office, a successor shall
11 be appointed by the county commission to fill out the remainder of his or her term. Members in
12 office at the expiration of their respective terms shall continue to serve until their successors have
13 been appointed and have qualified. The county commission may at any time remove any member
14 of the board by an order duly entered of record and may appoint a successor member for any
15 member so removed.

16 Other persons, firms, unincorporated associations, and corporations, who reside, maintain
17 offices, or have economic interests in the county, are eligible to participate in and request the
18 county commission to appoint members to the development authority as the said authority shall by
19 its bylaws provide.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to modify the process of management and control of county authority vested in a board.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading, or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.