

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Operations Committee
FROM: G. Mark Gibb, Executive Director
DATE: April 24, 2008
RE: Bylaws Discussion: Article V. Section 1. Selection of Members

Issue

The current language of this Bylaws section reads as follows below. The Operations Committee has been asked to consider whether this provision should be changed by deleting the portion that is marked in **bold** type:

*The Commission shall be composed of representatives of the member governmental subdivisions, on the basis of one member of each governmental subdivision who shall be the chief elected officer from the governing body or his/her designee, **except when another elected official of the local governing body is designated by the governing body.** In addition, each governmental subdivision shall appoint one additional representative for each 150,000 population, or fraction thereof, in excess of 100,000 population. All county population shall be exclusive of participating towns.*

Related Matters

a) Procedure for Amendment of Bylaws

Article IX. Amendment of Bylaws states:

Any proposed amendment to these bylaws shall be presented in writing to the members of the Commission at a regular Commission meeting and shall not be subject to vote until the next regular Commission meeting. The Chairman, at his discretion, may at any time refer any proposed bylaw amendment to the Executive Committee for a report to the Commission at its next regular meeting. A majority of all members of the Commission shall be required to adopt any proposed amendment to the bylaws.

b) Congruence with Charter

The Bylaws provision under consideration is identical to a provision of the Commission's Charter Agreement, which "...may be amended by the concurrence of the governing bodies of all of the member governmental subdivisions."