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H. R. 6369

To amend title 49, United States Code, to change the membership of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Board of Directors, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF (for himself, Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP OF METROPOLITAN WASH-**
4 **INGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DI-**
5 **RECTORS.**

6 Section 49106(c)(1) of title 49, United States Code,
7 is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1)—

2 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
3 (A) by striking “17 members” and inserting “9
4 members”;

5 (B) in subparagraph (A) by striking “7
6 members” and inserting “6 members”;

7 (C) in subparagraph (B) by striking “4
8 members” and inserting “1 member”;

9 (D) in subparagraph (C) by striking “3
10 members” and inserting “1 member”; and

11 (E) in subparagraph (D) by striking “3
12 members” and inserting “1 member”;

13 (2) in paragraph (3) by striking “except that”
14 and all that follows through “4 years”;

15 (3) by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the
16 following:

17 “(6)(A) In carrying out the duties of the board,
18 a member appointed by the President shall ensure
19 that adequate consideration is given to the national
20 interest.

21 “(B) A member appointed by the President
22 may be removed by the President for cause. A mem-
23 ber appointed by the Mayor of the District of Co-
24 lumbia, the Governor of Maryland, or the Governor
25 of Virginia may be removed or suspended from office

1 only for cause and in accordance with the laws of
2 the jurisdiction from which the member is ap-
3 pointed.”; and

4 (4) in paragraph (7) by striking “Ten votes”
5 and inserting “Five votes”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO DISTRICT OF CO-**
7 **LUMBIA LAWS GOVERNING METROPOLITAN**
8 **WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY MEM-**
9 **BERSHIP.**

10 (a) NUMBER OF MEMBERS.—Section 5(a) of the Dis-
11 trict of Columbia Regional Airports Authority Act of 1985
12 (sec. 9–904(a), D.C. Official Code) is amended—

13 (1) by striking “13 members” and inserting “9
14 members”;

15 (2) by striking “5 appointed by the Governor of
16 the Commonwealth of Virginia” and inserting “6 ap-
17 pointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of
18 Virginia”;

19 (3) by striking “3 appointed by the Mayor” and
20 inserting “1 appointed by the Mayor”;

21 (4) by striking “2 appointed by the Governor of
22 the State of Maryland” and inserting “1 appointed
23 by the Governor of the State of Maryland”; and

24 (5) by striking “3 appointed by the President”
25 and inserting “1 appointed by the President”.

1 (b) VOTES REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL OF BOND
 2 ISSUES AND BUDGET.—Section 5(d) of such Act (sec. 9–
 3 904(d), D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking “Eight
 4 affirmative votes” and inserting “Five affirmative votes”.

5 (c) REMOVAL.—Section 5(e) of such Act (sec. 9–
 6 904(e), D.C. Official Code) is amended to read as follows:

7 “(e)(1) In carrying out the duties of the board, a
 8 member appointed by the President shall ensure that ade-
 9 quate consideration is given to the national interest.

10 “(2) A member appointed by the President may be
 11 removed by the President for cause. A member appointed
 12 by the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the Governor
 13 of Maryland, or the Governor of Virginia may be removed
 14 or suspended from office only for cause and in accordance
 15 with the laws of the jurisdiction from which the member
 16 is appointed.”.

17 (d) PROHIBITING CONTINUATION OF SERVICE
 18 AFTER EXPIRATION OF TERM.—Section 5(g) of such Act
 19 (sec. 9–904(g), D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking
 20 the second sentence and inserting the following: “A mem-
 21 ber shall not serve after the expiration of the member’s
 22 term(s).”.

23 **SEC. 3. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS.**

24 (a) TREATMENT OF CURRENT MEMBERS.—The term
 25 of an individual serving on the Board of the Metropolitan

1 Washington Airports Authority the day before the date of
2 enactment of this Act shall expire 90 days after the date
3 of enactment of the Act. An individual may not be re-
4 appointed to such Board unless the term of such indi-
5 vidual would have continued after the date of such enact-
6 ment, but for section 1(a).

7 (b) VIRGINIA MEMBERS.—Notwithstanding section
8 49106(c)(3) of title 49, United States Code, the Governor
9 of Virginia shall appoint the first 6 members for the fol-
10 lowing terms:

- 11 (1) 2 members for a term of 1 year;
- 12 (2) 2 members for a term of 3 years; and
- 13 (3) 2 members for a term of 5 years.

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