



# Legislative History of IT Management in Virginia



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# [ IT Management prior to 2003 ]

1984: Three technology agencies consolidated into the Department of Information Technology (DIT)

- Mandate: Control & oversee information services

1985: DIT continued; Council on Information Management (CIM) created to provide for technology planning

# [ IT Management prior to 2003 ]

No Chief Information Officer position in the Commonwealth prior to 1998

Office of the Secretary of Technology created in May, 2008

- Originally created via Executive Order
- Codified by the General Assembly during 1999 Legislative Session

# [ IT Management prior to 2003 ]

## 1999 Legislative action:

- Codify Office of Secretary of Technology
- Abolish CIM
- Create Department of Technology Planning within the office of the CIO to replace CIM

# Role of Secretary of Technology as CIO

- Set forth at 2002 version of § 2.2-225 of the Code of Virginia
  - Approve comprehensive 4-year plan for acquisition, management, & use of IT
  - Review and approve agency IT plans
  - Direct creation of policies, standards, and guidelines for IT
  - Approve technology procurement in excess of \$1 million & periodically review execution of these projects
  - Develop policies for management of IT throughout its life-cycle

# Role of Department of Information Technology

- Provide the Commonwealth with data processing services through its data center
- Manage the Commonwealth's telecommunications contracts
- Maintain some agency applications

# [ 2002 JLARC Report ]

## “Review of Information Technology Systems Development”

- Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission
- December, 2002
- Report available online at:  
<http://jlarc.state.va.us/reports/Rpt289.pdf>

# [ 2002 JLARC Report ]

## Relevant Findings:

- Development of IT Systems still largely the responsibility of individual agencies
- Process for central approval and oversight of IT systems development needs to be strengthened
  - Creation of Board to review/approve major IT projects, prioritize investments, and provide accountability for IT development
  - Full-time, independent CIO position should be established that is insulated from the political process

# [ 2003 Legislation ]

- HB 1926 (Nixon) & SB 1247 (Stosch)
- Developed in cooperation with other members of the General Assembly, House Appropriations & Senate Finance staff, JLARC, the Auditor of Public Accounts, and the Governor's Office

# [ 2003 Legislation ]

- Established the Information Technology Investment Board (ITIB)
- Executive Branch Supervisory Board
- Executive & Legislative Appointments
  - Secretary of Technology
  - Governor makes 3 citizen appointment
  - Governor makes 1 citizen appointment from list of recommendations by the General Assembly
  - Joint Rules makes 4 citizen appointments
  - Auditor of Public Accounts (non-voting)

# [ 2003 Legislation ]

- Duties of ITIB: planning, budgeting, acquiring, using, disposing, managing, and administering of information technology in the Commonwealth
  - Appoint the CIO
  - Approve/disapprove the development of major IT projects (< \$1 million), including authority to terminate projects
  - Approve IT standards
  - Approve 4-year plan for IT projects
  - Submit annual list to Governor and General Assembly of recommended IT investments and priorities

# [ 2003 Legislation ]

- Creation of the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA)
  - Consolidated the IT infrastructure and IT staff of executive agencies into a single agency
  - Create a modern, unified approach to IT services

# [ 2003 Legislation ]

- Creation of the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA)
  - Consolidate executive branch IT into single state agency
  - CIO, appointed by the ITIB, serves as agency head
    - One of only a few executive branch agencies in the Commonwealth where the agency head is not appointed by the Governor

# [ 2003 Legislation ]

- Role of VITA
  - Day-to-day management of IT in the Commonwealth
  - Project Management
  - Development of IT Standards
  - IT Security

# [ 2003 Legislation ]

- Creation of Chief Information Officer
  - In response to 2002 JLARC Report, designed to be apolitical position, insulated from political process
  - Hired under 5-year contract, so as not to run concurrently with gubernatorial term
  - Answers directly to the ITIB, and not the Governor (or the General Assembly)
  - Focus on business needs of the Commonwealth

# [ 2009 Legislation ]

- HB 2539 (Nixon)
- Legislation developed in consultation with the Governor's Office
- Subtle, yet significant, shift of power
  - Add Secretary of Finance to the ITIB
  - Remove citizen appointee made by the Governor from General Assembly's recommendations
  - Secretary of Technology serves as vice-chair of the Board
- Emergency clause added at recommendation of Governor's Office – became effective April 8, 2009

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**QUESTIONS?**