

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS
RELATED STATUTES**

§ 58.1-3275. By whom reassessment made in cities and counties.

Every general reassessment of real estate in a city or county shall be made by (i) a professional assessor appointed by the governing body, who is either an employee qualified by the Department or an independent contractor holding valid certification issued by the Department; or (ii) a board of assessors of not fewer than three members, with not more than one member from each district for the election of a member of the governing body within such city or county appointed by the governing body. The assessors shall be designated on or after July 1 in the year immediately preceding the year in which the general reassessment of real estate is required to be made.

(Code 1950, § 58-786; 1976, c. 676; 1979, c. 577; 1983, c. 304; 1984, c. 675; 1985, c. 221; 1988, c. 896; 1994, c. 210; 2008, c. 540.)

§ 58.1-3276. Qualifications of assessors and appraisers; removal and appointment of substitute.

A. Any persons appointed to a board of assessors under the authority of this article shall be freeholders in the county or city for which they serve and shall be appointed by the governing body from the citizens of the county or city. If at any time the governing body is satisfied that any such assessor appointed under this article will not, or from any cause cannot, perform the duties devolved on him, the governing body may wholly supersede him and appoint another in his place. In order to be eligible for appointment, each prospective member of such board may, at the discretion of the Department, be required to attend and participate in the basic course of instruction given by the Department under § [58.1-206](#).

B. All supervisors, appraisers, and personnel employed by the board of assessors to perform the general reassessment shall have the qualifications prescribed by the Department for the particular position held, which shall include such combinations of education, training and experience as are deemed necessary for the performance of their duties. The provisions of this article as to the appointment or removal of such assessors shall apply to any appointments heretofore or hereafter made.

C. All supervisors, assessors and appraisers who have been contracted by the board of assessors to perform the general reassessment shall hold a valid certification issued by the Department pursuant to § [58.1-3258.1](#).

(Code 1950, § 58-789; 1979, c. 577; 1983, c. 304; 1984, c. 675; 2008, c. [540](#).)

§ 58.1-3350. Review of assessment.

Any person aggrieved by any assessment under this chapter may apply for relief to the board of assessors, or if none, to the board of equalization created under Article 14 (§ [58.1-3370](#) et seq.) of this chapter or may directly apply for relief to the appropriate circuit court of the county or city in those localities where application to the aforementioned board is not a prerequisite to the jurisdiction of the court.

(1984, c. 675; 1985, c. 64.)