

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2000 SESSION

CHAPTER 4

An Act to amend Chapter 259 of the Acts of Assembly of 1962, which provided a charter for the City of Petersburg, by adding a chapter numbered 2.1, consisting of sections numbered 2.1-1 and 2.1-2, and a section numbered 4-10, relating to the school board and the homesteading program.

[H 118]

Approved February 15, 2000

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That Chapter 259 of the Acts of Assembly of 1962 is amended by adding a chapter numbered 2.1, consisting of sections numbered 2.1-1 and 2.1-2, and a section numbered 4-10, as follows:

Chapter 2.1.

School Board.

§ 2.1-1. School board and school districts.

The supervision of schools in the City of Petersburg shall be vested in a school board consisting of nine members appointed by the council of the city. The members shall serve for three-year staggered terms from each of the three school districts.

§ 2.1-2. Transition from the nine member appointed school board to a seven member elected school board.

At the general election held in May of 2000, the qualified voters of wards two, four, and six shall elect one school board member from each of their respective wards. At the general election held in May of 2002, the qualified voters of wards one, three, five, and seven shall elect one school board member from each of their respective wards. Board members elected at those elections and thereafter shall be elected in the same manner, according to the same schedule, and for the same term that members of council are elected. Terms of appointed members shall expire at the end of their present three-year terms. Council shall appoint one at-large member to the board in June of 2001, that member's term to expire on June 30, 2002. Council shall make no additional appointments except that council may appoint members to the board to fill vacancies as provided by the general laws of the Commonwealth.

§ 4-10. Police and fire cadet program; homesteading program.

The city shall have the power to establish police and fire cadet programs and a homesteading program for its employees and employees of the school board. Section 15.2-1505 of the Code of Virginia, which prohibits residency requirements for certain employees, shall not apply to employees participating in these programs.

2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.