

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to require certain town mayors and council members to be elected at the time of the November*  
3 *general election.*

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5 Approved

[S 580]

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 1. § 1. *Election of mayor and council for certain towns.*

8 A. *The qualified voters of each town of the Commonwealth whose 1990 population was over 3,680*  
9 *but less than 3,700 shall elect a mayor, if provided for by charter, and a council, which shall be the*  
10 *governing body thereof, for the terms provided for by charter. Notwithstanding the provisions of*  
11 *§ 24.2-222 or any other provision of law, general or special, any election of mayor or council members*  
12 *of such a town shall take place on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November of an*  
13 *even-numbered year, and the persons so elected shall enter upon the duties of their offices on the*  
14 *January 1 succeeding their election and remain in office until their successors have qualified.*

15 B. *In any such town:*

16 1. *Any mayor or council member elected in 1996 for a four-year term shall hold office until his*  
17 *successor has qualified. His successor shall be elected on the Tuesday after the first Monday in*  
18 *November 2000 and, notwithstanding any charter provision to the contrary, shall take office on the*  
19 *January 1 following his election.*

20 2. *Any mayor or council member elected in 1998 for a four-year term shall hold office until his*  
21 *successor has qualified. His successor shall be elected on the Tuesday after the first Monday in*  
22 *November 2002 and, notwithstanding any charter provision to the contrary, shall take office on January*  
23 *1 following his election.*

24 C. *Notwithstanding the provisions of § 24.2-503, candidates for town mayor or council subject to the*  
25 *provisions of this act shall file their written statements of financial interests and qualification pursuant*  
26 *to §§ 24.2-501 and 24.2-502 not later than 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday in June.*

27 D. *Any county voting precinct established pursuant to § 24.2-307 that includes residents of such a*  
28 *town shall be wholly contained within the boundaries of the town. No such voting precinct shall include*  
29 *both such a town or portion thereof and county territory located outside the boundaries of the town.*

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

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