

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2003 SESSION

CHAPTER 539

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 7.10 and 8.06, as amended, of Chapter 542 of the Acts of Assembly of 1990, which provided a charter for the City of Bristol, relating to youth services and utility board.

[H 1719]

Approved March 18, 2003

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 7.10 and 8.06, as amended, of Chapter 542 of the Acts of Assembly of 1990 are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 7.10. Youth services department.

A. Generally. - There shall be a youth services department consisting of a youth services director and such other officers and employees of the department as may be authorized by city council. The department, under the supervision of the city manager, shall serve as staff for the Bristol, Virginia youth services ~~citizens citizens'~~ board and city council on ~~youth youth~~-related matters.

B. Youth services citizens board. - There shall be a Bristol, Virginia, youth services citizens board consisting of ~~fifteen~~ 14 members, or as required by general law or local ordinance, all of whom shall be residents of the City of Bristol, Virginia. ~~Two~~ Four of the members shall be under ~~eighteen~~ 18 years of age; two of the members shall be from agencies or groups concerned with youth services; two of the members shall be from professions, including law, medicine or education, having an interest and concern with the problems of young persons; two of the members shall be members of the business community. Two members of the board will be parents and the remainder of the members of the board may be chosen by the council from the general residents of the city. The term of office shall be for three years and no member shall be appointed to more than two successive terms. The board may adopt its own by-laws for internal operation, subject to approval by city council.

C. Function. - The purpose of the youth services department and youth services citizens board is to establish goals and priorities for city-wide youth services, to assist in coordination and planning for comprehensive youth services within the public and private sector, to serve in advisory capacity to the council with respect to youth services and programs, to establish goals and objectives ~~in compliance with all minimum standards of the Delinquency Prevention and Youth Development Act for services to youth in the City of Bristol, Virginia,~~ and to perform such other duties and obligations as may from time to time be delegated to them by ~~the Department of Corrections,~~ state law and the city council for the City of Bristol, Virginia.

§ 8.06. Bristol Virginia Utilities Board.

There shall be a Bristol Virginia Utilities Board consisting of ~~five~~ seven members ~~who, six of whom~~ shall be residents of the City of Bristol, Virginia. ~~One~~ Two of the members of the board shall be a ~~member members~~ of the city council selected by the council and ~~the remaining~~ four shall be ~~non-council-member~~ citizens of the City of Bristol, Virginia, appointed by the council. The term of office for the ~~councilmanic member council members~~ shall be ~~coincident coincide~~ with his term in office, ~~and their terms on council with no other limitation on the number of terms they may serve.~~ The terms of office of the citizen members shall be for three years. No citizen member shall be appointed to more than two successive terms of office. ~~The adoption of this charter will in no way affect the term of any member of the Bristol Virginia Utilities Board currently in office and each shall serve out the remainder of his present term.~~

In addition to the ~~five~~ six resident members above, there may, at the discretion of the city council ~~for the City of Bristol, Virginia,~~ be a ~~sixth~~ seventh member of the Bristol Virginia Utilities Board appointed for a term of one year ~~at the discretion of the city council,~~ who shall be appointed from among the members of the Board of Supervisors for Washington County, Virginia. That member's role shall be to represent the interests of those citizens of Washington County, Virginia, who ~~are served by the electrical division of the purchase electricity from~~ Bristol Virginia Utilities Board. Therefore, that ~~county~~ member shall have the right to vote only on matters before the Board affecting the operation of the electrical system. Unless invited by a majority of the other members to do so, that member will not be entitled to attend closed meetings (as defined by § ~~2-1-341~~ 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended) that are closed for the purpose of discussing matters unrelated to the electrical system.

The members of the Bristol Virginia Utilities Board may be allowed their expenses while engaged in the business of the board in accordance with this charter. Such expense and allowance shall constitute a cost of operation and maintenance of such utility systems and shall be prorated equally among ~~the water, electrical and sewer systems~~ each of the systems it manages.

The ~~utilities board~~ Bristol Virginia Utilities Board shall have the power and duty to manage a ~~division of the city to be known as Bristol, Virginia Utilities, or "BVU."~~ BVU shall operate the electric,

power and light system, the water system and the sanitary sewage system of the city directly for subcontracting public lighting, water and sewerage, telecommunications, Internet and other communications and information systems and services of the City directly or it may subcontract such functions. The board BVU shall construct, maintain and operate all facilities necessary thereto, shall sell and distribute to the public electric power, light, water and sewer services, telecommunications, Internet and communication, information and other services as authorized, and shall collect the rates and charges provided for such services by city council. With respect to any service managed and controlled by the Bristol Virginia Utilities Board, the council may, by contract or otherwise, delegate or abrogate its rate-making power.

The Bristol Virginia Utilities Board may appoint a general manager director of the board of BVU and may provide for such other employees and officers as to it may be deemed expedient and proper, and the board shall have sole control and management of such employees and the operations of utilities for which it is responsible, except for rate-making powers which are reserved to city council, notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 5.03, 5.05, 7.01, 7.03 and 7.04, and any other sections of this charter.