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HOUSE BILL NO. 550

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 2-2, as amended, and § 2-6 of Chapter 52 of the Acts of Assembly of 1968, which provided a charter for the Town of Purcellville in Loudoun County, and to amend Chapter 52 by adding a chapter numbered 4.1 consisting of a section numbered 4.1-1, relating to council vacancies and the board of architectural review.*

Patron—May

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2-2, as amended, and § 2-6 of Chapter 52 of the Acts of Assembly of 1968 are amended and reenacted and that Chapter 52 is amended by adding a chapter numbered 4.1 consisting of a section numbered 4.1-1 as follows:

§ 2-2. Election of council; composition; terms of office.

The members of the council in office at the effective date of this charter amendment are hereby continued in office until the first day of July in the even-numbered year succeeding the term of office for which they were elected. ~~Councilmen~~ *Council members* shall be elected to four-year terms on the first Tuesday in May of every even-numbered year in the manner herein provided: Three ~~councilmen~~ *council members* shall be elected in the municipal elections held in May, 1974, and in municipal elections held every four years thereafter; three ~~councilmen~~ *council members* shall be elected in the municipal elections held in May, 1976, and in municipal elections held every four years thereafter. The members of the council shall take office on the first day of July, after their election. Said council members shall continue to discharge the duties of their respective offices until their successors have been qualified.

§ 2-6. Vacancies in office of council member.

Vacancies in the office of ~~councilmen~~ *council member* and mayor for whatever cause shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term *remaining before the next regular Town Council election* by majority vote of the remaining members of the council. *In the event that the vacancy occurs before the mid-point of the term, the appointee to the unexpired term shall be a candidate for election to the remaining term length at the next regular Town Council election. The term shall be two years initially with succeeding terms of four years. If the vacancy occurs after the mid-point of the term, the successful candidate at the next election shall serve a four-year term.* If the council shall fail to fill a vacancy, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the judge of the Circuit Court of Loudoun County, upon notice to the court by petition filed by the mayor or any ~~councilman~~ *council member*.

CHAPTER 4.1.**Board of Architectural Review.**

§ 4.1-1. Board of Architectural Review.

The council shall appoint a Board of Architectural Review consisting of five members who shall be residents of the town and representative of the following professions or interests: architecture, landscape architecture, urban or town planning, historic preservation, and a citizen representative.

The terms of office of the members of the board shall be four years with terms being staggered initially such that one member shall be appointed for a term of one year, a second member appointed for a term of two years, a third member appointed for a term of three years and the remaining two members appointed for terms of four years. The terms of the members shall take effect on July 1, 2004.

The Board of Architectural Review shall be responsible for the review and implementation of architectural design standards for all commercial and overlay districts as approved by the town council. The design standards shall be compatible with and promote the historical and architectural patterns characteristic of the central business district, the residential buildings on Main Street and the revival style homes of the 1920s and 1930s throughout Purcellville that chronicle the evolution of the Victorian Era. The application of the standards shall apply to new construction, exterior renovations, parking areas, signage, streetscapes, street and street intersection design and pedestrian ways.

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