

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-1416 of the Code of Virginia, relating to meetings of governing*
3 *bodies.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. That § 15.2-1416 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 15.2-1416. Regular meetings.

9 The governing body shall assemble at a public place as the governing body may prescribe, in regular
10 session in January for counties and in July for cities and towns. Future meetings shall be held on such
11 days as may be prescribed by resolution of the governing body but in no event shall less than six
12 meetings be held in each fiscal year.

13 The days, times and places of regular meetings to be held during the ensuing months shall be
14 established at the first meeting which meeting may be referred to as the annual or organizational
15 meeting; however, if the governing body subsequently prescribes any public place other than the initial
16 public meeting place, or any day or time other than that initially established, as a meeting day, place or
17 time, the governing body shall pass a resolution as to such future meeting day, place or time. The
18 governing body shall cause a copy of such resolution to be posted on the door of the courthouse or the
19 initial public meeting place and inserted in a newspaper having general circulation in the county or
20 municipality at least seven days prior to the first such meeting at such other day, place or time. Should
21 the day established by the governing body as the regular meeting day fall on any legal holiday, the
22 meeting shall be held on the next following regular business day, without action of any kind by the
23 governing body.

24 At its annual meeting the governing body may fix the day or days to which a regular meeting shall
25 be continued if the chairman or mayor, or vice chairman or vice mayor if the chairman or mayor is
26 unable to act, finds and declares that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for
27 members to attend the regular meeting. Such finding shall be communicated to the members and the
28 press as promptly as possible. All hearings and other matters previously advertised shall be conducted at
29 the continued meeting and no further advertisement is required.

30 Regular meetings, without further public notice, may be adjourned from day to day or from time to
31 time or from place to place, not beyond the time fixed for the next regular meeting, until the business
32 before the governing body is completed.

33 *Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any city or town that holds an organizational meeting*
34 *in compliance with its charter or code shall be deemed to be in compliance with this section.*

35 **2. That the provisions of this act shall apply to the actions of all city and town councils beginning**
36 **July 1, 1997.**

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