

## 2004 SESSION

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### SENATE BILL NO. 80

Offered January 14, 2004

Prefiled January 5, 2004

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 7 of Chapter 712 of the Acts of Assembly of 1952, which provided a charter for the City of Harrisonburg, relating to the mayor.*

Patron—Obenshain

Referred to Committee on Local Government

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

#### **1. That § 7 of Chapter 712 of the Acts of Assembly of 1952 is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 7. Presiding Officer; Mayor; Vice-Mayor; Their Powers and Duties.

(a) The council shall elect one of its members to preside over its meetings, who shall be ex officio mayor of the city for a term of two (2) years, and any vacancy in the office shall be filled by election by the council for the unexpired term. The mayor shall have the same powers and duties as other members of the council, with a vote, but no veto. He shall be the official and ceremonial head of the city, but shall have no jurisdiction or authority to hear, try or determine any judicial matters. The council shall also elect one of its members as vice-mayor, who shall act as mayor during the absence or disability of the mayor.

(b) *The mayor may resign the office of mayor without giving up his or her membership on council.*

(c) *The council may, by unanimous vote of the council members other than the mayor, remove the mayor from the office of mayor.*

(d) *In case of either (b) or (c), a replacement would immediately be elected by a majority vote of council to serve for the remainder of the term.*

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