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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 1157**

Offered January 11, 2006 Prefiled January 11, 2006

A BILL to amend and reenact § 3 of Chapter 582 of the Acts of Assembly of 1952, which provided a charter for the Town of Stuart, relating to staggered terms of office.

Patron—Armstrong

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 3 of Chapter 582 of the Acts of Assembly of 1952 is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 3. There shall be elected by the qualified voters of said town on the 2nd Tuesday in June, 1952, and every two years thereafter, one elector of said town, who shall be denominated the Mayor, and five other electors, who shall be denominated the councilmen of said town. The mayor and councilmen shall constitute the Council of said town.

The mayor and members of council elected at the general election held in May 2006 shall continue in office until December 31, 2007, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

At the election to be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2007, and every four years thereafter, the candidate for mayor receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four years. At the election to be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2007, the two candidates for councilmen receiving the greatest number of votes, respectively, shall be elected for a term of four years; and at such election, the three candidates for councilmen receiving the next greatest number of votes, respectively, shall be elected for a term of two years. Thereafter, all councilmen shall be elected for terms of four years, and an election for councilmen to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of the councilmen shall be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November in every odd-numbered year. The persons so elected shall enter upon the duties of their offices on the 1st first day of September January next succeeding their election, and shall continue in office until their successors have qualified. Every person elected as a councilman of said town shall take an oath to faithfully execute the duties of his office to the best of his judgment. The person elected mayor shall take the oaths prescribed by law for all State officers.