

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2007 SESSION

CHAPTER 169

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 3.5, 3.9, and 4.2 of Chapter 912 of the Acts of Assembly of 1993, which provided a charter for the City of Manassas Park, relating to elections.

[S 1316]

Approved March 9, 2007

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 3.5, 3.9, and 4.2 of Chapter 912 of the Acts of Assembly of 1993 are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 3.5. Vice-mayor; acting mayor.

The Governing Body shall biennially, at its first regular meeting in ~~July~~ *January* following the regular municipal election, choose one of its members as vice-mayor. The vice-mayor shall perform the duties of Mayor during the Mayor's absence or disability. In the event of the death, removal or resignation of the Mayor, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with general law.

Should a member of City Council be chosen to serve as Mayor until the next municipal election, such City Council seat will be deemed to be vacant upon qualification of the former City Council member as Mayor. The vacancy thereby created in the City Council shall be filled by the Governing Body as provided in this charter.

The member of the City Council who shall be chosen as vice-mayor shall continue to have all rights, privileges, powers, duties and obligations as a member of the Governing Body while performing the duties of Mayor in the absence or disability of the Mayor of the City.

§ 3.9. Induction of members.

The City Clerk shall administer the oath of office to the duly elected members of City Council and the Mayor on or before ~~June 30~~ *December 31*, immediately following their election. In the absence of the City Clerk, the oath may be administered by anyone authorized to administer oaths under the laws of the Commonwealth.

§ 4.2. Mayor and City Council.

The Mayor and City Council members in office on the effective date of this charter shall continue to serve in office until July 1, following termination of their respective terms of office. Three City Council members shall be elected to four-year terms on the first Tuesday in May 1994 and every four years thereafter. The Mayor and three City Council members shall be elected to four-year terms on the first Tuesday in May 1996 and every four years thereafter. The Mayor and members of City Council shall take office on July 1, following their election. The incumbent Mayor and City Council members shall hold office until the duly elected successor has qualified. *However, beginning with the elections to be held in 2008, the Mayor and City Council shall be elected at the time set for the November general election to take office on January 1 following their election. The Mayor and members of Council in office on June 30, 2008, shall continue to serve until their duly elected successors have qualified.*