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HOUSE BILL NO. 2427

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 19 of Chapter 420 of the Acts of Assembly of 1964, which provided a charter for the Town of Brookneal, relating to the town manager.*

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Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 19 of Chapter 420 of the Acts of Assembly of 1964 is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 19. Town manager.—(a) The council may appoint a town manager who shall be the chief administrative officer of the town and shall be chosen solely on the basis of his executive and administrative qualifications, and shall have some knowledge of civil, mechanical, and electrical engineering. He need not, when appointed, be a resident of the town, or of the *State Commonwealth* of Virginia, but shall during his term of office, reside within the ~~corporate limits of the town Commonwealth of Virginia~~, and shall be appointed for such term as he and the council agree upon, not to exceed two years, but in any event, to end with the term of the council making the appointment. The town manager may be suspended or removed by the council for any cause it deems sufficient, provided that no order of suspension or removal shall be made until after he shall have been given at least five days' notice in writing, stating the cause for such suspension or removal and fixing a day when he may be heard thereon. The action of the council, suspending or removing the town manager, shall be final. The council may place the control and supervision of the police force of the town under either the mayor or the town manager.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the town manager may, with the consent of the council, appoint or employ and remove or discharge, such officers, employees and assistants as he deems necessary to carry on the work of such departments of the town as are committed to him by the council, in all their respective details, in an economical and satisfactory manner. The salary or compensation, and the terms of office or employment of such officers, employees and assistants shall be fixed by the town manager, subject to approval by the council; and his actions in all respects shall be subject to review by the council, and he shall be accountable to the council only.

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