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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1217

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 4 and 5A, and § 6, as amended, of Chapter 194 of the Acts of Assembly of 1934, which provided a charter for the Town of Lawrenceville, relating to town officers.

Patron—Tyler

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

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

**1. That §§ 4 and 5A, and § 6, as amended, of Chapter 194 of the Acts of Assembly of 1934 are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 4. Administration and government.

The administration and government of the town shall be vested in one principal officer styled the mayor, and seven councilmen, and a town treasurer. The mayor, treasurer, and councilmen shall be electors of said town to be chosen as hereinafter provided, from the residents and electors of the town, and whose qualifications to hold offices, respectively, shall be the same as required of persons to vote and hold office under the Constitution and laws of the State of Virginia. The mayor and councilmen shall constitute the council of said town. A vacancy in the office of mayor or treasurer shall be filled within thirty days by the council, either from their own body, or, from the electors of the town, for the unexpired term, by a majority vote of the remaining members thereof.

§ 5A. Elections.

At the regular municipal election to be held on the first Tuesday in May 1992, a treasurer and seven council members and the mayor shall be elected in the following manner. The treasurer shall be elected for a term of four years. The seven council members shall be elected from two election districts, known as Election District 1 and Election District 2. The boundaries of the two election districts shall be as enacted by the town council. Residents may cast votes only for council seats for the election district in which they reside. Candidates may seek election only to council seats for the election district in which they reside.

Three members of council shall be elected from Election District 1 and four members of council shall be elected from Election District 2. The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes in Election District 1 shall be elected to four-year terms of office and the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes in Election District 1 shall be elected to a two-year term of office. The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes in Election District 2 shall be elected to four-year terms of office and the candidates receiving the third and fourth highest number of votes in Election District 2 shall be elected to two-year terms of office.

At the regular municipal election to be held on the first Tuesday in May 1994, and every four years thereafter, the mayor, one council member from District 1 and two council members from District 2 shall be elected for a term of four years each. At the regular municipal election to be held on the first Tuesday in May 1996, and every four years thereafter, the treasurer, two council members from District 1 and two council members from District 2 shall be elected for a term of four years each.

The mayor, treasurer, and council members elected under this section shall enter upon the duties of their respective offices on September/July 1 succeeding their election.

§ 6. Town officers.

The officers of the said town, in addition to the mayor, treasurer, and councilmen, who shall be electors of the town, shall be a treasurer, a clerk, a sergeant and a deputy sergeant. The council may by ordinance provide for such other officers, agents, and employees as may be deemed appropriate by it, prescribe their place of residency (including place of residency of the clerk, sergeant and deputy sergeant), duties, and compensation, and provide for official bonds with surety thereon in proper amounts. The treasurer, clerk, sergeant, and deputy sergeant shall be elected by the council for a term of two years. The office of treasurer and clerk may be filled by the same person.

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