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**HOUSE BILL NO. 847** Offered January 9, 2008 Prefiled January 8, 2008

A BILL to amend and reenact § 14.01, as amended, of Chapter 39 of the Acts of Assembly of 1932, which provided a charter for the City of Winchester, relating to the school board.

Patrons—Sherwood; Senator: Vogel

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That § 14.01, as amended, of Chapter 39 of the Acts of Assembly of 1932 is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 14.01. Appointment and Term of School Board Members.

A. The School Board of the City of Winchester shall consist of nine members, who shall be appointed by the Common Council. One member shall be appointed for each of the four districts (wards) in the City, and five members shall be appointed at-large; however, no more than three members shall be residents of the same district. Notwithstanding the residency requirement of this provision, any school board member in office on July 1, 2007, who is otherwise eligible for reappointment, shall be eligible for reappointment upon expiration of his or her term.

B. At the vacancy of the terms of school board members in office on July 1, 2007, any new term

shall be filled consistent with the provisions of this section.

C. In the event any vacancy occurs on the School Board, Council shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

D. The School Board shall be a continuing body and no measure pending before the School Board shall abate or be discontinued by reason of the change in terms of the School Board members or change in membership of the School Board as provided herein.