

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 4, as amended, of Chapter 333 of the Acts of Assembly of 1890, which*
3 *provided a charter for the Town of Halifax, relating to elections.*

4 [H 2407]

5 Approved

6 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

7 1. That § 4, as amended, of Chapter 333 of the Acts of Assembly of 1890 is amended and
8 reenacted as follows:9 § 4. The administration and government of the town is vested in the council composed of a
10 mayor and six councilmen, all of whom shall be electors of the town.11 (a) The said council shall be elected in the manner provided by law, as follows: At the regular
12 municipal election to be held on the second Tuesday in June, 1958, the mayor and six
13 councilmen shall be elected. The mayor shall be elected for a term of four years and every four
14 years thereafter. The three councilmen, each of whom has received more votes in said election
15 than any of the other members, shall serve as members of the council for terms of four years
16 each. The remaining three members shall serve for a term of two years each.17 In the regular municipal election to be held on the second Tuesday of June, 1960, and every
18 two years thereafter, three councilmen shall be elected for terms of four years each. Terms of
19 office shall begin on the first day of July next following their election.20 *However, beginning in 2012, the municipal election shall be held at the time of the regular*
21 *general election to be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November. Terms of*
22 *office shall begin on the first day of January following the municipal election. The mayor and*
23 *councilmen elected in 2008 and 2010 shall have their terms extended by six months during the*
24 *transition to November municipal elections and the staggered election cycle shall be maintained.*25 Each councilman and the mayor elected as hereinabove provided shall serve for the term stated
26 or until his successor has been elected and qualified. The council shall be a continuing body,
27 and no measure pending before such body shall abate or be discontinued by reason of
28 expiration of term of office or removal of any of its members.29 (b) Vacancy in the council shall be filled within sixty days, for the unexpired term, by a
30 majority vote of the remaining members; provided, that if the term of office to be filled does
31 not expire for two years or more after the next regular election for councilman, following such
32 vacancy and such vacancy occurs in time to permit it, then the council shall fill such vacancy
33 only for the period then remaining until such election, and a qualified person shall then be
34 elected by the qualified voters and shall from and after the date of his election and
35 qualification succeed such appointee and serve the unexpired term. The number of candidates
36 for council equal to the number of vacancies to be filled for full terms receiving the highest
37 number of votes shall be entitled to such full terms and the candidate receiving the next highest
38 number of votes shall be entitled to the unexpired term caused by such vacancy.

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