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HOUSE BILL NO. 803

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 3 and 6, as amended, and § 8 of Chapter 416 of the Acts of Assembly of 1976, which provided a charter for the Town of Hillsboro in Loudoun County, relating to the election and voting of council members.

Patron—May

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

- 1. That §§ 3 and 6, as amended, and § 8 of Chapter 416 of the Acts of Assembly of 1976 are amended and reenacted as follows:
- § 3. The officers of the town shall be a mayor, five councilmen, a treasurer, a water commissioner, a recorder, a sergeant, and a town attorney. The mayor and councilmen shall be elected by the registered voters of the town in accordance with the election laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia on the first Tuesday in May following the first Monday in November of every even-numbered year, beginning May, 1976, November, 2010; shall take office on the first day of July January following their election; and shall hold office for a term of two years and until their successors are elected and qualify. The mayor and five councilmen shall constitute the town council. The mayor and town councilmen shall be residents of the Town of Hillsboro and qualified voters of the town.
- § 6. In the event of a vacancy on the council or in the office of mayor, the same shall be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the remaining members of the council. For the purposes of this section, no distinction shall be made between a member elected to the council and a member who has been appointed to the council except as to voting on those matters set forth in Article VII, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia. Upon any matter except those matters set forth in Article VII, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia coming before the council, the votes of all members shall be of the same dignity, whether a member has been elected or appointed.
- § 8. The powers set forth in §§ 15.1-837 through 15.1-907 of Chapter 18 of Title 15.1 Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia as in force on July 1, 1975, are hereby conferred on and vested in the town Town of Hillsboro.