

# 2012 SESSION

## HOUSE SUBSTITUTE

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 840

#### AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns  
on February 10, 2012)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate James)

*A BILL to amend Chapter 640 of the Acts of Assembly of 2011, which provided a charter for the City of Portsmouth, by adding a section numbered 3.16 and a chapter numbered 7.1, consisting of sections numbered 7.1.01, 7.1.02, and 7.1.03, relating to the budget and city auditor.*

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

**1. That Chapter 640 of the Acts of Assembly of 2011 is amended by adding a section numbered 3.16 and a chapter numbered 7.1, consisting of sections numbered 7.1.01, 7.1.02, and 7.1.03, as follows:**

*§ 3.16. Balanced budget required.*

*No later than June 30 of each year, the City Council shall adopt a budget in which projected revenues and receipts shall be equal to proposed expenditures for the fiscal year that begins on July 1 of the year of adoption.*

#### CHAPTER 7.1.

#### CITY AUDITOR.

*§ 7.1.01. City Auditor.*

*The City Council may appoint a city auditor who shall serve at the pleasure of the city council. The city auditor shall be chosen on the basis of his or her professional qualifications.*

*§ 7.1.02. Powers and duties.*

*The City Council may prescribe the duties of the city auditor, may fix the compensation of the city auditor, and may require that the auditor shall have no other employment than with the City of Portsmouth.*

*§ 7.1.03. Technical and clerical assistance.*

*The city auditor may appoint persons to perform such technical and clerical tasks as necessary and advisable to effectively exercise the duties and powers authorized by law, and for whom there are authorized and funded positions.*

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