

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2015 SESSION

CHAPTER 85

An Act to amend and reenact § 8.06 and § 16.02, as amended, of Chapter 367 of the Acts of Assembly of 1973, which provided a charter for the City of Suffolk, relating to the board of equalization and the school board.

[S 1014]

Approved March 10, 2015

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 8.06 and § 16.02, as amended, of Chapter 367 of the Acts of Assembly of 1973 are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 8.06. Annual assessment of real estate.

The council may, in lieu of the methods prescribed by general law, provide by ordinance for the annual assessment and reassessment and equalization of assessments of real estate for local taxation and to that end may appoint one or more assessors within the city and prescribe their duties and terms of office. Such assessors shall make assessments and reassessments on the same basis as real estate is required to be assessed under the provisions of general law and as of the first day of January of each year, shall have the same authority as the assessors appointed under the provisions of general law, and shall be charged with duties similar to those thereby imposed upon such assessors, except that such assessments or reassessments shall be made annually and the assessments and reassessments so made shall have the same effect as if they had been made by assessors appointed under the provisions of general law.

The ~~council~~ circuit court of the city of Suffolk shall appoint a board of equalization of real estate assessments to be composed of three members who shall be freeholders of the city. The initial terms of the members of the board shall be for one, two, and three years with subsequent appointments for terms of three years. Such board of equalization shall have and may exercise the powers to revise, correct, and amend any assessment of real estate and to that end shall have all powers conferred upon boards of equalization by general law. The provisions of general law notwithstanding, however, the board of equalization may adopt any regulations providing for the oral presentation, with formal petitions or other pleadings or requests for review, and looking to the further facilitation and simplification of proceedings before the board. This section shall not apply to assessments of any real estate assessable by the State Corporation Commission.

§ 16.02. School board.

On July 1, 1992, and thereafter, the school board shall consist of one member each from the Chuckatuck, Cypress, Holy Neck, Sleepy Hole, Whaleyville, Suffolk, and Nansemond Boroughs. ~~The two members of the school board from the Suffolk Borough serving on the board prior to July 1, 1992, shall serve out their terms, and thereafter all~~ All members of the school board shall be appointed by ~~council~~ elected for terms of ~~three~~ four years, as required under the procedure established by the general laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Vacancies shall be filled *as provided* by the ~~council~~ general laws for any unexpired term. School board members may be compensated as authorized by the general laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.