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**SENATE BILL NO. 940**

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 2, as amended, of Article III of Chapter 560 of the Acts of Assembly of 1950, which provided a charter for the Town of Montross in the County of Westmoreland, relating to election times.*

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Patron—Stuart

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Referred to Committee on Local Government

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

**1. That § 2, as amended, of Article III of Chapter 560 of the Acts of Assembly of 1950 is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2. On the first Tuesday in May, 1992, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of the town seven electors, who shall be denominated councilmen, and shall constitute the town council. The four electors receiving the highest number of votes shall serve four-year terms and the three remaining electors shall serve two-year terms. On the first Tuesday in May, 1994, there shall be elected three electors to serve four-year terms. *However, beginning with the election held in 2016, there shall be elected three electors at the time set for the November general election to take office on January 1 following their election. The mayor and members in office on June 30, 2016, shall continue to serve until their duly elected successors have qualified.* Thereafter, there shall be an election every two years in even-numbered years at the regular ~~May municipal~~ *November general* election time to fill the pending vacancies and the electors so elected shall serve four-year terms or until their successors are duly elected and have qualified. They shall enter upon the duties of their offices on the first day of ~~July~~ *January* next succeeding their election. The councilmen at their first meeting in ~~July~~ *January* shall elect from their number, one who shall be denominated mayor, who shall immediately enter upon the duties of his office and whose term of office as such shall be two years. Every person so elected shall take an oath faithfully to execute and discharge the duties of his office to the best of his judgment, and the mayor shall take the oath prescribed by law for State officers. The failure of any person elected or appointed under the provisions of this charter to qualify or to take the oath required, within the time prescribed for entering upon the discharge of the duties of the office to which he is elected or appointed, shall vacate the said office, and the council shall proceed and is hereby vested with power to fill such vacancy in the manner herein prescribed.

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