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SENATE BILL NO. 451

Offered January 13, 2016 Prefiled January 12, 2016

A BILL to amend and reenact § 3.5 of Chapter 136 of the Acts of Assembly of 1988, as amended by Chapter 300 of the Acts of Assembly of 1999, which provided a charter for the Town of Dayton in the County of Rockingham, relating to election of council.

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Referred to Committee on Local Government

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That § 3.5 of Chapter 136 of the Acts of Assembly of 1988, as amended by Chapter 300 of the Acts of Assembly of 1999, is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 3.5. Election of mayor and members of council.

The mayor and members of council shall be elected by the qualified voters of the town in the manner provided by law from the town at large. The council and mayor in office at the time of the adoption of this charter shall continue in office until the expiration of the terms for which they were elected or until their successors are elected and qualified. The term of office for members of the council shall be four years, and the term of office for the mayor shall be two years, or until their successors are elected and qualified. Thus an election for four council members and the mayor shall be held in 2000, and an election for the remaining three council members and the mayor shall be held in 2002. All elections of the mayor and council members shall take place on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Persons elected under this section shall take office on January 1 following their election.

2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.