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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2440**

Offered January 20, 2017

*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 1 and 4, as amended, of the order of the Circuit Court of the County of Appomattox of 1925, which incorporated and provided a charter for the Town of Appomattox, relating to town council.*

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Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

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

**1. That §§ 1 and 4, as amended, of the order of the Circuit Court of the County of Appomattox of 1925 are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 1. Election and appointment of officers, etc.

There shall be elected by the qualified voters of said town, every two years on the first Tuesday in May of every even-numbered year, one elector thereof, who shall be denominated the mayor, and six electors, who shall be denominated the councilmen of said town. The mayor and six councilmen shall constitute the council of said town. The town council may appoint a treasurer, commissioner of the revenue and shall have the authority to appoint or employ a town clerk, a treasurer, a commissioner of revenue, a town manager, and the same person may serve in one or more of such capacities, and whenever deemed wise a health or sanitary officer, and such other officers as it may deem wise and necessary appropriate for the proper conduct of the government of said the town, and appoint committees and boards, and prescribe and fix their duties, and shall have power to fix the salary and compensation of said treasurer, town clerk, town manager and such other officers, necessary, but such compensation shall be fixed by said council before the officer chosen shall assume the duties of his office. The same person may serve in one or more of such capacities. The town council shall have the power to fix the salary and compensation of said employees and appointees as necessary, but such compensation shall be fixed by said council before the individual chosen shall assume the duties of office. The town council may also appoint committees and boards and prescribe and fix their duties.

§ 4. Terms of office - vacancy and how filled.

The mayor and members of council shall enter upon the duties of their office on the first day of July, next succeeding their election, and shall continue in the office until their terms have expired, and their successors shall have been elected and qualified mayor and council in office on July 1, 2017, shall continue in office until the expiration of the terms for which they were elected or until their successors are elected and qualified. At the election of members to the town council held on the first Tuesday in May 2018, the three council candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected for terms of three and one-half years, and the three council candidates receiving the next greatest number of votes and the mayor shall be elected for terms of one and one-half years. Thereafter, the council members shall be elected for terms of four years, and the mayor shall be elected for a term of two years, or until their successors are elected and qualified. An election shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November 2019 for the three council seats first expiring and for the mayor, and on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November 2021 for the three council seats next expiring. Elections thereafter shall be held every two years on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November. The term of each person elected under this section at a November election shall begin on January 1 next following the election. In case of a vacancy in the office of mayor, or councilmen, elected by the electors of said town, caused by death, resignation or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the town council from the electors of the town for the unexpired term.

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