

# 2020 SESSION

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 493

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*A BILL to provide for a special election relating to transition of a city to town status.*

Patron—Marshall

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

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

1. § 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 41 (§ 15.2-4100 et seq.) of Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia, the special court, prior to entering an order granting town status to the City of Martinsville pursuant to such chapter, shall first require an election to be held as provided in § 2.

§ 2. The court shall require the regular election officers of Henry County, at the succeeding November general election, to open a poll and take the sense of the qualified voters of the county on the question submitted as hereinafter provided.

§ 3. The regular election officers shall conduct the election as provided by general law, insofar as is applicable. The ballot shall contain the following question:

"Question: Shall the City of Martinsville become a town?"

§ 4. The ballots shall be prepared, distributed, and voted, and the results of the election shall be ascertained and certified, in the manner prescribed by § 24.2-684 of the Code of Virginia.

§ 5. If it appears by the report certified by the secretary of the electoral board that a majority of the qualified voters of the county are in favor of the transition from city to town status, the special court may enter the order granting town status in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41 (§ 15.2-4100 et seq.) of Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia. All other provisions of such chapter shall continue to be applicable.

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