1   **VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER**

2   *An Act to amend and reenact §§ 3.1 and 3.8, as amended, of Chapter 131 of the Acts of Assembly of*
3   *1977, which provided a charter for the Town of Brodnax in the Counties of Brunswick and*
4   *Mecklenburg, relating to town council; membership; meetings.*

5   [S 257]
6   Approved

7   **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
8   **1. That §§ 3.1 and 3.8, as amended, of Chapter 131 of the Acts of Assembly of 1977 are amended**
9   **and reenacted as follows:**
10   § 3.1. Election, qualification and term of office of councilmen and mayor.
11   The town of Brodnax shall be governed by a town council composed of seven councilmen and a
12   mayor, all of whom shall be qualified voters of the town, to be elected from the town at large. Any
13   person qualified to vote in the town shall be eligible for the office of councilman or mayor. The mayor
14   and councilmen in office at the time of the passage of this act shall continue in office until the
15   expiration of the terms for which they were elected or until their successors are duly elected and
16   qualified. An election for mayor and councilmen shall be held on the first Tuesday in May, nineteen
17   hundred seventy-eight and on the first Tuesday in May of every second year thereafter and take office
18   on the first day of July succeeding their election;, provided *that* the mayor and councilmen elected the
19   first Tuesday in May, nineteen hundred seventy-eight, shall not take office until September one, nineteen
20   hundred seventy-eight, to serve for terms of one year ten months. Thereafter they shall each serve for a
21   term of two years or until their successors have qualified.
22   However, beginning in 2009, the election for mayor and councilmen shall be held at the time of the
23   November general election with elected members to take office on the first day of January succeeding
24   their election. The terms of council members in office at the time of the November 2009 election shall
25   end on January 1, 2010. The mayor and the three members of town council receiving the highest
26   number of votes in the November 2009 election shall serve four-year terms. The other four persons
27   elected to town council in November 2009 shall serve two-year terms. Thereafter, all council members
28   shall be elected for four-year terms.
29   *Beginning in 2019, the town shall be governed by a town council composed of five councilmen and a*
30   *mayor. Three councilmen shall be elected to four-year terms at the November 2019 election, and the*
31   *mayor and two councilmen shall be elected to four-year terms at the November 2021 election.*
32   § 3.8. Meetings of council.
33   The town council shall fix the time of its stated meetings, and it shall meet at least once a month
34   and, except as herein provided, the council shall establish its own rules of procedure and such rules as
35   are necessary for the orderly conduct of its business not inconsistent with the laws of the
36   Commonwealth of Virginia. A journal shall be kept of its official proceedings and its meetings shall be
37   open to the public. ~~Four~~ *Three* members of the town council shall constitute a quorum for the
38   transaction of business at any meeting. Special meetings may be called at any time by the mayor or by
39   any ~~four~~ *two* members of the council;, provided that the mayor and all council members are duly
40   notified a reasonable period of time prior to such meetings and no business shall be transacted at a
41   special meeting thereof except that for which it shall be called. If all members are present, this provision
42   may be waived by a majority vote of the council. No ordinance, resolution, motion or vote shall be
43   adopted by the council unless it shall have received the affirmative votes of a majority of the members
44   present. But no ordinance or resolution shall be adopted or passed having for its object the levying of
45   taxes except by a concurring vote of two-thirds of the members of council.
46   **2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**