

2022 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL NO. 190

Offered January 12, 2022

Prefiled January 10, 2022

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 4 and 5, as amended, of Chapter 131 of the Acts of Assembly of 1964, which provided a charter for the Town of Urbanna in Middlesex County, relating to election of council and mayor.*

Patrons—Hodges; Senator: McDougle

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 4 and 5, as amended, of Chapter 131 of the Acts of Assembly of 1964 are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 4. Mayor.

The mayor shall be elected for a term of ~~two~~ *four* years, on the November general election date, ~~2012 and every two years thereafter.~~ The mayor so elected shall enter upon the duties of his/her office on the first day of January succeeding his/her election, and remain in office until his/her successor has qualified. The mayor's compensation shall be fixed by the council.

The mayor shall be the chief executive officer of the town. He/she shall have and exercise all power and authority conferred by general law not inconsistent with this charter. He/she shall preside over the meetings of the town council and shall have the same right to speak and vote as members of the town council. He/she shall be recognized as the head of the town government for all ceremonial and military purposes. He/she shall perform such other duties consistent with his/her office as may be imposed by the council. He/she shall see that the duties of the various town officers are faithfully performed. He/she, or the person acting as mayor, may sign and deliver such documents or instruments as the council, this charter, or the laws of the Commonwealth shall require or authorize.

§ 5. Council.

~~Six electors of the town of Urbanna shall be elected as Council council members of the town on the shall be elected in November general election date, 2012 and every two years thereafter. The Council members so elected shall enter upon the duties of their offices on the first day of January succeeding their election, and of 2022 and shall take office January 1, 2023. The three council members receiving the highest number of votes and the mayor shall serve four-year terms expiring on December 31, 2026; the other three council members elected in November of 2022 shall serve two-year terms expiring on December 31, 2024. At the election in November of 2024, three council members shall be elected for four-year terms. After the staggering of terms, council members shall serve four-year terms.~~

Candidates for Town Council shall not be identified on the ballot by political affiliation.

Notwithstanding term expiration dates, all council members shall remain in office until their successors have qualified.

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