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SENATE BILL NO. 91

Offered January 12, 2022

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A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 5, 9, and 12, as severally amended, of Chapter 44 of the Acts of Assembly of 1938, which provided a charter for the Town of Clarksville in Mecklenburg County, relating to town council.*

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Referred to Committee on Local Government

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 5, 9, and 12, as severally amended, of Chapter 44 of the Acts of Assembly of 1938 are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 5. The mayor and three town council members will be elected from the town at large on the first Tuesday ~~in May, 1974, following the first Monday in November of even-numbered years beginning in November 2022,~~ and three council members and the mayor biennially thereafter. Councilmen and the mayor shall be qualified electors of the town. The newly elected mayor and council members shall assume office the first day of ~~July~~ January following each election and shall serve for terms of four years ~~except the mayor, who will serve for a term of two years,~~ and until their successors are appointed or elected and qualified as provided by law.

§ 9. At or before its first meeting in ~~July in even-numbered~~ January in odd-numbered years, the council shall elect one of its members to be vice-mayor who shall preside at such meetings in the absence of the mayor, and who, when the mayor is unable to perform any or all such duties so entrusted to the mayor, shall be designated acting mayor by a majority vote of the other members present. The vice-mayor, when acting as mayor, shall have all the duties and responsibilities of the position of mayor. The vice-mayor shall be entitled to a vote on all questions just as any other member except when he/she presides at a council meeting, at such time he/she shall vote only when it is necessary to break a tie.

§ 12. The town council is hereby authorized to fix the salaries of each of the members of the town council, mayor, members of boards or commissions and all appointed officers and all employees of the town, at a sum not to exceed any limitations placed by the laws and Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The salaries of the mayor and town council shall be fixed by the council in ~~August~~ February to be effective ~~September 1st of each odd-numbered~~ March 1 of each even-numbered year and shall not be increased or diminished during the following two-year period.

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