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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 1511**

Offered January 11, 1995

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 4.1 and 8.5 of Chapter 759 of the Acts of Assembly of 1972, which provided a charter for the Town of Tappahannock in the County of Essex, relating to appointment and qualifications of the town manager and appointment of town officers.

Patrons—Morgan; Senator: Cross

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 4.1 and 8.5 of Chapter 759 of the Acts of Assembly of 1972 are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 4.1. Appointment for qualifications.

There shall be a town manager, who shall be the executive officer of the town and shall be responsible to the town council for the proper administration of the town government. He shall be appointed by the town council for a term of two years to coincide with the term of the appointing council at the first meeting of each newly elected town council on or after July 1 of each even-numbered year. Thereafter, his term shall run concurrently with the appointing town council and continue until a successor town manager is appointed by the next town council and duly qualified. He shall be chosen solely on the basis of his executive and administrative qualifications, with special reference to his this actual experience in or knowledge of accepted practice in respect to the duties of his office. At the time of his appointment, he need not be a resident of the town or the Commonwealth, but during his tenure of office, he shall reside within the town, unless specifically authorized by the town council.

§ 8.5. Present officers to continue.

The present elected officers of the town Officers appointed by the town council shall be and remain in office until expiration of their several terms, and until their successors have been duly elected appointed and qualified.

2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.