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HOUSE BILL NO. 1593

House Amendments in [] — January 24, 1995

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 3.01 and 3.02:1, as severally amended, of Chapter 147 of the Acts of Assembly of 1962, which provided a charter for the City of Virginia Beach and to amend Chapter 147 by adding sections numbered 3.01:1 and 3.02:1.1, relating to election of the mayor and members of council.

Patrons—Tata, Copeland and McDonnell; Senator: Earley

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 3.01 and 3.02:1, as severally amended, of Chapter 147 of the Acts of Assembly of 1962 are amended and reenacted and that Chapter 147 is amended by adding sections numbered 3.01:1 and 3.02:1.1 as follows:

§ 3.01. Division of city into districts.

A. The city shall be divided into seven boroughs. One of such boroughs shall comprise the City of Virginia Beach as existing immediately preceding the effective date of this charter and shall be known as the borough of Virginia Beach, and the remaining six boroughs shall comprise the six magisterial districts of Princess Anne County as existing immediately preceding the effective date of this charter and shall be known as the boroughs of Bayside, Blackwater, Kempsville, Lynnhaven, Princess Anne (formerly known as Seaboard) and Pungo. The council shall consist of eleven members, including the mayor, one member to be elected by the city at large from among the residents of each of the seven boroughs and three members and the mayor to be elected by and from the city at large districts of approximately equal population which shall be numbered one through seven.

B. The boundaries and names of such districts shall be established by ordinance on or before September 1, 1995, and thereafter, the boundaries shall be adjusted as provided by law.

§ 3.01:1.1. Composition of council.

On and after July 1, 1998, the council shall consist of eleven members, including the mayor, one member to be elected by the qualified voters of each of the seven districts from among the residents of each of the districts, and three members and the mayor to be elected by and from the city at large.

§ 3.02:1. Election of councilmembers.

There shall be a general election on the first Tuesday in May in even-numbered years for the election of ~~councilmen~~ councilmembers to replace those whose terms expire at the end of June of that year. The term of office for each ~~councilman~~ councilmember shall commence on July 1 next following the date of election and shall continue until his successor has been duly elected and qualified. ~~All councilmen and the mayor shall be elected for terms of four years.~~ Each candidate shall state, at the time of filing, whether he is running at large from the ~~borough~~ district of his residence, for an at-large seat, or for mayor. Candidates for council shall be nominated only by petition in the manner prescribed by general law.

§ 3.02:1.1. Implementation of district plan.

A. At the May 1996 general election, three members shall be elected by the city at large from among the residents of the Blackwater, Princess Anne, and Virginia Beach boroughs as such boroughs existed on January 1, 1995. The terms of the members so elected shall expire on July 1, 1998. The terms of the mayor and councilmember elected by and from the city at-large in May of 1996 shall expire on July 1, 2000.

B. At the general election held in May of 1998, the qualified voters of the districts numbered one through three shall elect a single member from their respective districts for terms of four years, the qualified voters of the districts numbered four through seven shall elect a single member from their respective districts for terms of two years, and the qualified voters of the city at large shall elect two at-large members for terms of four years. Thereafter, all councilmembers and the mayor shall be elected for terms of four years.

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

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