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HOUSE BILL NO. 1847

Offered January 8, 1997

A BILL to amend and reenact § 14.1-47.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to city council salaries.

Patron—Hamilton

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 14.1-47.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 14.1-47.2. Permitted salaries; salary increases; reimbursement for expenses.

Subject to the exception provided for in § 14.1-47.1, the annual salary of each member of the council of any city shall be set by its members by ordinance notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, general or special. The setting of such salaries by members of council shall include the salary of the mayor or president of the council whether such official is a member of council or not.

Cities within the following population brackets shall be allowed to set salaries for mayors, which include presidents of council, and council members not to exceed the following:

Population Annual Salary

260,000 and over

Mayor \$ 30,000

Council 28,000

200,000 to 259,999

Mayor 27,000

Council 25,000

95,000 to 199,999

Mayor 25,000

Council 23,000

35,000 to 94,999

Mayor 20,000

Council 18,000

20,000 to 34,999

Mayor 13,000

Council 12,000

15,000 to 19,999

Mayor 12,000

Council 11,500

14,999 and under

Mayor 11,500

Council 11,000

No increase in the salary of a member of council shall take effect ~~during the incumbent member of council's term of office; however, this restriction shall not apply to councils when the council members are elected for staggered terms until July 1 after the next regularly scheduled general election of council members.~~

Every proposed increase in the salary of a member of council shall be adopted at least four months prior to the date of the next municipal election except in the case of a newly created consolidated city when the proposed increase shall be adopted at least two months prior to the date of its first municipal election.

Any member of council shall be eligible to be reimbursed for any personal expenses incurred by him for official business. However, all claims for reimbursement shall be for reasonable expenses to the extent permitted by law incurred in the conduct of official city business and shall be itemized and documented by stamped paid receipts to the extent feasible.

In addition to salary, each member of the council of any city may be compensated with such benefits as are provided city employees by the city.

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