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## HOUSE BILL NO. 225

Offered January 15, 1998

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 3.1 of Chapter 352 of the Acts of Assembly of 1975, which provided a charter for the Town of Keysville, relating to council and mayor terms.*

Patrons—Bennett; Senator: Holland

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

### Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

#### 1. That § 3.1 of Chapter 352 of the Acts of Assembly of 1975 is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 3.1. (a) The town shall be governed by a town council composed of six councilmen and a mayor. ~~The Beginning with the 1998 elections, the~~ councilmen and mayor shall serve for terms of ~~two~~ four years, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

(b) The councilmen and mayor shall be elected and qualify for office as provided by general law. The councilmen and mayor in office at the time of the passage of this act or any subsequent change in general law shall continue until the expiration of the terms for which they were elected or until their successors are duly elected and qualified, whichever may be later. A change in general law may, if need be, abbreviate the term of councilmen and the mayor initially elected following such change.

(c) The mayor shall preside over meetings of the town council and shall be the chief official of the town for ceremonial purposes. He shall have the same powers and duties as other members of the council with a vote only in the event of a tie. The mayor may receive a salary as such, the amount also to be fixed by the council, but in no event to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars per year.

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

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