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HOUSE BILL NO. 94

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 3.1 as amended, § 3.2 and § 3.5 as amended of Chapter 618 of the Acts of Assembly of 1981, which provided a charter for the Town of Vinton, relating to mayor and town council.

Patron—Cranwell

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 3.1 as amended, § 3.2 and § 3.5 as amended of Chapter 618 of the Acts of Assembly of 1981 are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 3.1. Election, qualification and term of office for mayor and councilmen.

The town of Vinton shall be governed by a town council composed of a mayor and four councilmen, all of whom shall be qualified voters of the town, to be elected from the town at large. Any person qualified to vote in the town shall be eligible for the office of mayor or councilman. The mayor and the councilmen in office at the time of the adoption of this charter shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected and qualified. An election for two councilmen shall be held on the first Tuesday in May, nineteen hundred eighty-two, and on the first Tuesday in May of every second year thereafter. A mayor shall be elected on the first Tuesday in May, nineteen hundred eighty-four, and every four years thereafter *unless a vacancy in office occurs, in which case the provisions of § 3.5 of this charter shall control.* The mayor and councilmen shall enter upon their duties on the first day of July next succeeding their election, and shall each serve for a term of four years or until their successors have qualified.

§ 3.2. Vacancies on council.

Vacancies on the council shall be filled ~~promptly~~ *within thirty days of when the vacancy occurs*, for the unexpired portion of the term ~~from among the qualified voters of the town~~, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the council. *If, however, the unexpired portion of the term is more than two years, the person appointed by council shall serve only until the next regular councilmanic election, at which time the vacancy shall be filled by the electorate.*

§ 3.5. Vacancy in office of mayor.

A vacancy in the office of mayor shall be filled ~~promptly~~ *within thirty days of when the vacancy occurs*, for the unexpired portion of the term, by a majority vote of council ~~from among the qualified voters of the town~~. *If, however, the unexpired portion of the term is more than two years, the person appointed by council shall serve only until the next regular councilmanic election. At such election, the vacancy shall be filled by the electorate for a four-year term beginning on July 1 of the year of the election. Succeeding mayoral elections shall be every four years after the election at which the vacancy was filled.*

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