

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 3.1 as amended, § 3.2, and § 3.5 as amended of Chapter 618 of the*  
3 *Acts of Assembly of 1981, which provided a charter for the Town of Vinton, relating to mayor and*  
4 *town council.*

5 [H 94]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 **1. That § 3.1 as amended, § 3.2, and § 3.5 as amended of Chapter 618 of the Acts of Assembly of**  
9 **1981 are amended and reenacted as follows:**

10 § 3.1. Election, qualification and term of office for mayor and councilmen.

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

22 § 3.2. Vacancies on council.

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

28 § 3.5. Vacancy in office of mayor.

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

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