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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1520

Offered January 13, 1999

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 3.7 as amended of Chapter 325 of the Acts of Assembly of 1952, which provided a charter for the City of Buena Vista, relating to election of council and mayor.*

Patrons—Putney; Senator: Hanger

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

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

**1. That § 3.7 as amended of Chapter 325 of the Acts of Assembly of 1952 is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 3.7. ~~On the first day of July, 1972, and on the first day of July every second year thereafter, or if such a day fall on Sunday, then on the following Monday, the council shall choose by a majority vote of all its members thereof one of their number to be mayor and one to be vice-mayor for the ensuing two years. At the regular municipal election to be held on the first Tuesday in May, 2000, the same time members of Council are to be elected, and at each regular municipal election thereafter, there shall be elected a mayor.~~ The mayor shall preside over the meetings of the council, have the same right to speak vote therein as other members and shall have a vote but no veto. He shall be recognized as the head of the city government for all ceremonial purposes, the purpose of military law, and the service of civil process.

*On the first day of July, 2000, and on the first day of July every second year thereafter, the council shall choose by a majority vote of all its members thereof one of the number to be vice mayor for the ensuing two years. The vice-mayor shall in the absence or disability of the mayor perform the duties of mayor, and should such become necessary. In the event of a vacancy in the office of mayor, the vice mayor shall become mayor for the unexpired term. In the absence or disability of both the mayor and vice-mayor, the council shall, by majority vote of those present, choose one of their number to perform the duties of mayor.*

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