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HOUSE BILL NO. 1497

Offered January 20, 2006

A BILL to provide for a special election relating to transition of a city to town status.

Patron—Marshall, D.W.

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 41 (§ 15.2-4100 et seq.) of Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia, the special court, prior to entering an order granting town status to the City of Martinsville pursuant to such chapter, shall first require an election to be held as provided in § 2.

§ 2. The court shall require the regular election officers of Henry County, at the succeeding November general election, to open a poll and take the sense of the qualified voters of the county on the question submitted as hereinafter provided.

§ 3. The regular election officers shall conduct the election as provided by general law, insofar as is applicable. The question shall be as follows:

"Question: Shall the City of Martinsville become a town?"

§ 4. If it appears by the report certified by the secretary of the electoral board that a majority of the qualified voters of the county are in favor of the transition from city to town status, the special court may enter the order granting town status in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41 of Title 15.2.

All other provisions of such chapter shall continue to be applicable.

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