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**HOUSE BILL NO. 296**

Offered January 11, 2012

Prefiled January 10, 2012

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2, 3, and 5 of Chapter 346 of the Acts of Assembly of 1975, which provided a charter for the Town of Gordonsville in Orange County, relating to the size of the town council.*

Patrons—Scott, E.T.; Senator: Reeves

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

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

**1. That §§ 2, 3, and 5 of Chapter 346 of the Acts of Assembly of 1975 are amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 2. Corporate limits.**

The present corporate limits of the town of Gordonsville are hereby reestablished in accordance with a survey and plat on file in the Clerk's Office of the County of Orange, Virginia, in Law Order Book 7, page 323 463, pages 0201, 0202, 0203, and 0204, the courses and distances of which are set forth in an order styled "in re: *Annexation Proceedings, town of Gordonsville vs. County of Orange*" dated March 11, 1949, and recorded in Law Order Book 7, page 321 *Petition of the County of Orange, Virginia and the Town of Gordonsville, Virginia to relocate the boundary between them*" dated June 20, 1991, on file in the office of the Circuit Court of Orange County, Virginia.

**§ 3. Form of government; election of mayor and council members.**

The town shall be governed ~~under the general councilmanic plan.~~ *The in accordance with this charter and the applicable general law. Following the transition outlined in this section, the administration and government of the town shall be vested in one principal officer styled mayor and six councilmen four council members who, together with the mayor, shall constitute the council of said town and shall be elected at large. The mayor and the councilmen council members shall be electors of said town. The council shall elect one of its members to serve as vice-mayor. Vacancies in the office of mayor or councilmen council members shall be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the remaining members of the council.*

The present mayor and six members of the town council shall continue in office until ~~July 1, 1976, their current terms expire~~ or until their successors are legally elected and qualify.

Subject to the general election to be held in ~~May of 1976, the town council which takes office July 1, 1976, shall hold office as follows:~~ *November of 2012, and each four years thereafter, instead of electing three town council members and the mayor, the town citizens shall elect two town council members and the mayor, who shall hold office for four-year terms beginning January 1, 2013.*

**Mayor - Four-year term beginning July 1, 1976**

**Councilman No. 1 - (Candidate who receives most votes) - Four-year term beginning July 1, 1976**

**Councilman No. 2 - (Candidate who receives next highest number of votes) — Four-year term beginning July 1, 1976**

**Councilman No. 3 - (Candidate who receives next highest number of votes) — Four-year term beginning July 1, 1976**

**Councilman No. 4 - Two-year term beginning July 1, 1976**

**Councilman No. 5 - Two-year term beginning July 1, 1976**

**Councilman No. 6 - Two-year term beginning July 1, 1976**

~~Except for the terms of councilmen and the mayor as hereinabove specified, the Subject to the general election to be held in November of 2014, and each four years thereafter, instead of electing three town council members, the town citizens shall elect two town council members who shall hold office for four-year terms beginning January 1, 2015.~~

*The term of the mayor and each member of council shall be four years. The date for the election for mayor and councilmen council members and the date such officers shall enter upon the duties of their respective offices shall be in accordance with general law this charter.*

The council may appoint a town manager who shall, under the control of council, have general charge and management of the administrative affairs and work of the town with the powers and duties specified in ~~§15.1-920~~ *§15.2-1541* of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and such other powers and duties as may be delegated to him by council.

**§ 5. Citation of Charter.**

This ~~aet~~ *Charter* may be referred to or cited as the ~~town~~ *Town* of Gordonsville Charter of 1975, as

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**59** *amended.*