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HOUSE BILL NO. 978

Offered January 11, 2012

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 3.01 and 3.02, as amended, of Chapter 323 of the Acts of Assembly of 1950, which provided a charter for the City of Falls Church, relating to elections.

Patron—Scott, J.M.

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 3.01 and 3.02, as amended, of Chapter 323 of the Acts of Assembly of 1950 are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 3.01. Election of council members.

In the regular municipal election to be held on the first Tuesday in May, 1974, after the first Monday in November, 2013, and every four years thereafter, four ~~councilmen~~ council members shall be elected for terms of four years each, such terms of office to begin on the first day of July, 1974, and end on the last day of June, 1978 January, 2014, and end on the last day of December, 2017; succeeding terms shall begin on the first day of July in the year of election and end on the last day of June, four years thereafter January following the year of election and end on the last day of December, four years thereafter. In the regular municipal election to be held on the first Tuesday in May, 1976, after the first Monday in November, 2015, and every four years thereafter, three ~~councilmen~~ council members shall be elected for terms of four years each, such terms of office to begin on the first day of July, 1976, and end on the last day of June, 1980 January, 2016, and end on the last day of December, 2019; succeeding terms shall begin on the first day of July in the year of election and end on the last day of June four years thereafter January following the year of election and end on the last day of December, four years thereafter. Council members serving on council who were elected in May, 2010, and those members elected in May, 2012, shall have their term of office shortened by six months but shall continue in office until their successors have been elected at the November general election and have been qualified to serve.

§ 3.02. Nomination of candidates for council.

Candidates for the office of ~~councilmen~~ may council member shall be ~~nominated by petition or under general law~~ qualified voters of the city and shall file their notice of candidacy and be nominated only by petition in the manner prescribed by law for nonparty candidates and not by caucus, primary, convention or other party-affiliated proceeding.

There shall be printed on the ballots used in the election of councilmen the names of all candidates who have been so nominated. The requirements for nomination by petition shall be:

(a) Any qualified voter of the city actually residing within the corporate limits may be nominated by filing a petition together with the notice of candidacy required by the general laws of the Commonwealth relating to elections.

(b) The petition shall state the name and address of the residence of the person whose name is presented thereby as a candidate.

The requirements for nomination under general law shall be as therein prescribed. This section of the City Charter is intended to ensure nonpartisan elections for City Council.

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