

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact §§ 2-2 and 2-3, as amended, of Chapter 433 of the Acts of Assembly of*
3 *1962, which provided a charter for the Town of Leesburg in Loudoun County, and to amend Chapter*
4 *433 of the Acts of Assembly of 1962 by adding a section numbered 2-3.1, relating to elections.*

5 [S 234]

6 Approved

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

8 **1. That §§ 2-2 and 2-3, as amended, of Chapter 433 of the Acts of Assembly of 1962 are amended**
9 **and reenacted and that Chapter 433 of the Acts of Assembly of 1962 is amended by adding a**
10 **section numbered 2-3.1 as follows:**

11 § 2-2. Election; composition; terms of office.

12 *The members of the council in office at the effective date of this charter amendment are hereby*
13 *continued in office for the term of office for which they were elected. Councilmen shall be elected to*
14 *four-year terms on the first Tuesday in May of every even-numbered year in the manner herein*
15 *provided. Three councilmen shall be elected in the municipal elections held in May, 1978, and in*
16 *municipal elections held every four years thereafter. Three councilmen shall be elected in the municipal*
17 *elections held in May, 1980, and in municipal elections held every four years thereafter. The members*
18 *of the council shall take office on the first day of July, after their election. Said council members shall*
19 *continue to discharge the duties of their respective offices until their successors have qualified.*

20 *The members of the council in office at the effective date of this charter amendment are hereby*
21 *continued in office for the term of office for which they were elected or extended by operation of*
22 *Virginia Code § 24.2-222.1 and through December 31 of the year in which the term was to expire.*

23 *Councilmen shall be elected to four-year terms on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November of*
24 *every even-numbered year in the manner herein provided. Three councilmen shall be elected in the*
25 *municipal elections held in November, 2012, and in municipal elections held every four years thereafter.*
26 *Three councilmen shall be elected in the municipal elections held in November, 2014, and in municipal*
27 *elections held every four years thereafter. The members of the council shall take office on the first day*
28 *of January, after their election. Said council members shall continue to discharge the duties of their*
29 *respective offices until their successors have qualified.*

30 § 2-3. Election of mayor; term of office and vice-mayor.

31 *On the first Tuesday in May of each even-numbered year following 1978, the mayor shall be elected*
32 *for a term of two years, beginning on the first day of July of the year of his election. The mayor so*
33 *elected shall continue to discharge the duties of the office until a successor shall have qualified.*

34 *The mayor shall preside at all meetings of the council and shall be a regular member of the council.*

35 *The mayor shall be recognized as the head of the municipal government for all ceremonial purposes,*
36 *the purpose of military law and the service of civil process.*

37 *The mayor shall authenticate by his signature such documents and instruments as the council,*
38 *Constitution or general laws require.*

39 *At its first regular meeting after July one in the year a mayor is elected, the council shall elect from*
40 *among its members a vice-mayor for a term of two years who shall act as mayor during the mayor's*
41 *absence or disability. The mayor pro tempore in office at the effective date of this charter amendment is*
42 *hereby continued in office as vice-mayor for the term of office for which he was elected.*

43 *The mayor in office at the effective date of this charter amendment is hereby continued in office for*
44 *the term of office for which he was elected or extended by operation of Virginia Code § 24.2-222.1 and*
45 *through December 31 of the year in which the term was to expire.*

46 *On the Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year commencing 2012,*
47 *the mayor shall be elected for a term of two years, beginning on January 1 of the year after her*
48 *election. The mayor so elected shall continue to discharge the duties of the office until a successor has*
49 *been qualified.*

50 *The mayor shall preside at all meetings of the council and shall be a regular member of the council.*

51 *The mayor shall be recognized as the head of the municipal government for all ceremonial purposes,*
52 *the purpose of military law, and the service of civil process.*

53 *The mayor shall authenticate by his signature such documents and instruments as the council,*
54 *Constitution of Virginia or general laws require.*

55 *At its first regular meeting after January 1 in the year after the mayor is elected, the council shall*
56 *elect from among its members a vice-mayor for a term of two years who shall act as mayor during the*

57 *mayor's absence or disability.*

58 *§ 2-3.1. Nonpartisan elections.*

59 *All municipal elections for the mayor and members of town council are to be nonpartisan.*

60 **2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**