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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns on February 7, 2014)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Marshall, D.W.)

A BILL to provide for a special election relating to transition of the City of Martinsville to town status. 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 and the City of Martinsville, at the succeeding November general election, to open a poll and take the sense of the qualified voters of the county and city 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 within Henry County?"

§ 4. The secretary of the electoral board shall issue a report to the special court certifying the results of the election and the special court shall consider such report as a factor in determining whether to enter the order granting town status in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41 (§ 15.2-4100 et seq.) of Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia. All other provisions of such chapter shall continue to be applicable.