

2019 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2807

Offered January 21, 2019

A BILL to amend and reenact § 3.1, as amended, of Chapter 352 of the Acts of Assembly of 1975, which provided a charter for the Town of Keysville in Charlotte County, relating to elections.

Patron—Edmunds

Unanimous consent to introduce

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 3.1, as amended, of Chapter 352 of the Acts of Assembly of 1975 is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 3.1. (a) The town shall be governed by a town council composed of six councilmembers and a mayor. Beginning with the 1998 elections, the councilmen and mayor shall serve for terms of four years, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Beginning in 2020, three councilmembers and the mayor shall be elected by the qualified voters of the town on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November. In 2022, the mayor and the three remaining councilmembers shall be elected by the qualified voters of the town on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November. The councilmembers shall serve a term of four years, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The mayor shall serve a term of two years, or until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified. The term of the mayor elected in 2016 and the terms of the three councilmembers elected in 2016 shall expire December 31, 2020. The terms of the three remaining councilmembers shall expire December 31, 2022. Elections thereafter shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in even-numbered years.

(b) The councilmen councilmembers and mayor shall be elected and qualify for office as provided by general law. The councilmen councilmembers and mayor in office at the time of the passage of this act or any subsequent change in general law shall continue until the expiration of the their terms for which they were elected or until their successors are duly elected and qualified, whichever may be later. A change in general law may, if need be, abbreviate the term of councilmen and the mayor initially elected following such change.

(c) The mayor shall preside over meetings of the town council and shall be the chief official of the town for ceremonial purposes. He shall have the same powers and duties as other members of the council with a vote only in the event of a tie. The mayor may receive a salary as such, the amount also to be fixed by the council, but in no event to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars per year.

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