

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 3, as amended, of Chapter 571 of the Acts of Assembly of 1997, which*
3 *provided a charter for the Town of Grottoes in Rockingham County, relating to mayor.*

4 [H 2809]

5 Approved

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

7 **1. That § 3, as amended, of Chapter 571 of the Acts of Assembly of 1997 is amended and**
8 **reenacted as follows:**

9 § 3. Election of the mayor and council persons; vacancies; time of meeting; appointment of
10 vice-mayor.

11 A. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 24.2-222 of the Code of Virginia, on the first Tuesday in
12 November in each even-numbered year, there shall be elected a mayor and three council persons from
13 the town at large, as well as council persons to fill vacancies, if any, whose terms of office shall begin
14 on the first day of January following such election, but in cases of filling vacancies, the term shall begin
15 immediately, and they shall serve until their successors shall be duly elected and qualify. In order to
16 transition from a May to November election date, any mayor or council person elected in 1996 for a
17 four-year term, or in 1998 for a two-year term, shall hold office until his successor has qualified. His
18 successor shall be elected on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2000 and shall take office
19 on the January 1 following his election. Any council person elected in 1998 for a four-year term shall
20 hold office until his successor has qualified. His successor shall be elected on the Tuesday after the first
21 Monday in November 2002 and shall take office on the January 1 following his election.

22 B. ~~The~~ *Beginning in 2020, the* mayor shall be elected for a term of ~~two~~ four years; council persons
23 shall serve for terms of four years each.

24 C. The council shall be a continuing body, and no measure pending before such body shall abate or
25 be discontinued by reason of expiration of the term of office of the council persons or any member.
26 Vacancies in the council shall be filled for the unexpired terms by a majority vote of the remaining
27 members until the next ensuing regularly scheduled general election for the office, or if the vacancy
28 occurs within 120 days of such regularly scheduled general election, at the second such ensuing election.
29 The present mayor and council persons shall continue in office until the expiration of the term for which
30 they were respectively elected.

31 D. The council shall, by ordinance, fix the time for the regular meetings. Special meetings shall be
32 called by the clerk of the council upon request of the mayor or any three council persons; reasonable
33 notice of each special meeting shall be given each member of the council; no business shall be
34 transacted at a special meeting except that for which the special meeting is called, unless the council is
35 unanimous.

36 E. The council may, by ordinance, appoint one of its members to serve as vice-mayor during his or
37 her term of office.

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