

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to provide for the election of the governing body in certain towns.*

3 [H 481]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. § 1.** *Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, when a town has been redistricted as*
7 *a result of annexation and the redistricting occurred prior to the regularly scheduled May 7, 1996,*
8 *general election for some or all the members of the town's governing body, the May 1996 general*
9 *election shall be conducted from the newly established districts so long as the redistricting measure was*
10 *adopted prior to February 1, 1996.*11 § 2. *Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, elections that would be held on May*
12 *7, 1996, for members of the governing body of any town which has been redistricted as a result of*
13 *annexation, shall be delayed if the redistricting plan of such town is not precleared by the Attorney*
14 *General of the United States pursuant to § 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 on or before April 23,*
15 *1996, and shall be held at a later date as provided in this act, unless otherwise provided by order of a*
16 *court of competent jurisdiction.*17 § 3. *In each such town, such rescheduled election shall be held on the first Tuesday (i) that is more*
18 *than sixty days after the Attorney General issues a letter stating that he interposes no objection to the*
19 *redistricting plan submitted by the town; (ii) that is not the scheduled date of a primary election; and*
20 *(iii) that is not within the sixty days before or the thirty-five days after a primary or general election.*21 § 4. *Independent candidates for such rescheduled elections shall qualify in the manner provided by*
22 *§§ 24.2-505, 24.2-506, and 24.2-507 of the Code of Virginia, and party nominees shall be nominated*
23 *and certified at least thirty days before the new election date.*24 § 5. *All candidates shall file the statements required by §§ 24.2-501 and 24.2-502 of the Code at*
25 *least thirty days before the new election date.*26 § 6. *Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the terms of the members of any*
27 *governing body elected under the provisions of this act shall commence on the first day of the second*
28 *month following the election and shall terminate on the day on which the terms would have expired had*
29 *the general election been held on its regularly scheduled day.*30 § 7. *The terms of the members of any governing body affected by this act that would otherwise*
31 *expire on June 30, 1996, shall be extended until the date that the terms of the members elected under*
32 *this act commence, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary.*33 **2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**34 **3. That the provisions of this act shall expire on December 31, 1996.**

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