

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to provide for a special election relating to transition of a city to town status.*

3 [H 173]

4 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1.** *§ 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 41 (§ 15.2-4100 et seq.) of Title 15.2 of the Code of*  
8 *Virginia, the circuit court for the City of Martinsville, prior to entering an order granting town status*  
9 *pursuant to such chapter, shall first require an election to be held as provided in § 2.*10 *§ 2. The court shall require the regular election officers of the city, at the succeeding November*  
11 *general election, to open a poll and take the sense of the qualified voters of the city on the question*  
12 *submitted as hereinafter provided.*13 *§ 3. The regular election officers shall conduct the election as provided by general law, insofar as is*  
14 *applicable. The ballot shall contain the following question:*15 *"Question: Shall the City of Martinsville become a town?"*16 *§ 4. The ballots shall be prepared, distributed, and voted, and the results of the election shall be*  
17 *ascertained and certified, in the manner prescribed by § 24.2-684 of the Code of Virginia.*18 *§ 5. If it appears by the report certified by the secretary of the electoral board that a majority of the*  
19 *qualified voters of the city voting on the question are in favor of the transition from city to town status,*  
20 *the special court shall enter the order granting town status in accordance with the provisions of*  
21 *Chapter 41 (§ 15.2-4100 et seq.) of Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia. All other provisions of such*  
22 *chapter shall continue to be applicable.*23 **2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2026.**

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