

# 2022 SESSION

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 190

Offered January 12, 2022

Prefiled January 10, 2022

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 4 and 5, as amended, of Chapter 131 of the Acts of Assembly of 1964, which provided a charter for the Town of Urbanna in Middlesex County, relating to election of council and mayor.*

Patron—Hodges

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

### Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 4 and 5, as amended, of Chapter 131 of the Acts of Assembly of 1964 are amended and reenacted as follows:

#### § 4. Mayor.

The mayor shall be elected for a term of ~~two~~ four years, on the November general election date, ~~2012 and every two years thereafter~~. The mayor so elected shall enter upon the duties of his/her office on the first day of January succeeding his/her election, and remain in office until his/her successor has qualified. The mayor's compensation shall be fixed by the council.

*The mayor shall be the chief executive officer of the town. He/she shall have and exercise all power and authority conferred by general law not inconsistent with this charter. He/she shall preside over the meetings of the town council and shall have the same right to speak and vote as members of the town council. He/she shall be recognized as the head of the town government for all ceremonial and military purposes. He/she shall perform such other duties consistent with his/her office as may be imposed by the council. He/she shall see that the duties of the various town officers are faithfully performed. He/she, or the person acting as mayor, may sign and deliver such documents or instruments as the council, this charter, or the laws of the Commonwealth shall require or authorize.*

#### § 5. Council.

Six ~~electors of the town of Urbanna~~ shall be elected as Council council members of the town on the ~~shall be elected in November general election date, 2012 and every two years thereafter~~. The Council members so elected shall enter upon the duties of their offices on the first day of January succeeding ~~their election, and of 2022 and shall take office January 1, 2023~~. The three council members receiving the highest number of votes and the mayor shall serve four-year terms expiring on December 31, 2026; the other three council members elected in November of 2022 shall serve two-year terms expiring on December 31, 2024. At the election in November of 2024, three council members shall be elected for four-year terms. After the staggering of terms, council members shall serve four-year terms.

*Candidates for Town Council shall not be identified on the ballot by political affiliation.*

Notwithstanding term expiration dates, all council members shall remain in office until their successors have qualified.

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