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SENATE BILL NO. 387

Offered January 12, 2022

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 3.1, as amended, 3.5, and 4.2 of Chapter 591 of the Acts of Assembly of 1997, which provided a charter for the Town of Port Royal, relating to town council; membership.

Patron—McDougle

Referred to Committee on Local Government

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 3.1, as amended, 3.5, and 4.2 of Chapter 591 of the Acts of Assembly of 1997 are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 3.1. Council.

A. The Town shall be governed by a council composed of ~~seven~~ five members elected at large.

B. The members of council in office at the time of the passage of this act shall continue until the expiration of the terms for which they were elected, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

C. In 2018 and every two years thereafter, on the dates specified by general law for November elections, all members of the council shall be elected for terms of two years each. The persons so elected shall qualify and take office on January 1 following their election, and they shall continue to serve until their successors are duly elected, qualify and assume office.

D. Any person qualified to vote in town elections shall be eligible for the office of councilman.

§ 3.5. Meetings of council.

The council shall fix the time of its regular meetings, which shall be at least once each month; however, the council may, by majority vote, dispense with any two such regular meetings. Except as herein provided, the council shall follow the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order for rules of procedure necessary for the orderly conduct of its business except where it is inconsistent with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Minutes shall be kept of its official proceedings, and its meetings shall be open to the public unless an executive session is called according to law. Special meetings may be called at any time by the mayor or any ~~four~~ three members of the council, provided that the members of council are given reasonable notice of such meetings. No business shall be transacted at the special meeting except that for which it shall be called. If the mayor and all the members of the council are present, this provision requiring prior notice for special meetings is waived.

§ 4.2. Legislative procedure, etc.

Except in dealing with parliamentary procedure, the council shall act only by ordinance or resolution, and, with the exception of ordinances making appropriations or authorizing the contracting of indebtedness, each ordinance or resolution shall be confined to one general subject. ~~Four~~ Three members of council shall constitute a quorum.

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