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SENATE BILL NO. 1176

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 8, 9, and 23, as severally amended, of Chapter 216 of the Acts of Assembly of 1952, which provided a charter for the City of Roanoke, relating to director of real estate valuation.

Patron—Suetterlein

Referred to Committee on Local Government

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 8, 9, and 23, as severally amended, of Chapter 216 of the Acts of Assembly of 1952 are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 8. Officers elective by council; rules; journal of council proceedings; quorum of council.

The council shall elect a city manager, a city clerk, a municipal auditor, ~~and~~ a city attorney, and a director of real estate valuation, none of whom need be a resident of the city at the time of their election but who shall take up residence within the city within three months of their election if not already a resident. Unless herein otherwise specifically provided, the council shall also appoint the members of such boards and commissions as are hereafter provided for. Pursuant to § 21 of this charter, the city manager shall appoint a director of finance. All elections by the council shall be viva voce and the vote recorded in the journal of the council. The council may determine its own rules of procedure; may punish its members for misconduct and may compel the attendance of members in such manner and under such penalties as may be prescribed by ordinance. It shall keep a journal or its proceedings. A majority of all of the members of the council shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time.

Upon a vacancy occurring in any such office the council shall elect a person to fill the unexpired portion of any term created by such vacancy; or, in the council's discretion, it may elect a person as an acting city manager, city clerk, municipal auditor, ~~or~~ city attorney, or director of real estate valuation to hold such office for such lesser term and for such compensation as the council shall then determine; and any person so elected shall have, during the term for which he was elected, all of the authority and shall be charged with all of the duties and responsibilities of the office for which he was elected.

§ 9. Elections by council, when held, terms, et cetera.

During the month of September 1974 and during the month of September of every second year thereafter, through and including during the month of September 2014, the council shall elect a city clerk, a director of finance, a municipal auditor, and a city attorney, each of whom shall serve for a term of two years from the first day of October next following the date of their election and until their successor shall have been elected and qualified. However, the term of the director of finance elected in 2014 shall end on July 1, 2015. Thereafter, the director of finance shall be appointed by the city manager pursuant to § 21 of this charter.

During the month of September 2016 and during the month of September of every second year thereafter, the council shall elect a city clerk, a municipal auditor, ~~and~~ a city attorney, and a director of real estate valuation, each of whom shall serve a term of two years from the first day of October next following the date of their election and until their successor shall have been elected and qualified.

§ 23. Creation of departments and department heads; deputies and assistants.

The council may by ordinance provide for administrative departments, and when such departments are created may define the functions which such departments are to administer, may provide for the appointment of heads for such departments and define their duties and responsibilities. The council may by ordinance provide for the appointment of one or more assistants or deputies in the offices of the city attorney, the municipal auditor, the director of real estate valuation, and the city clerk and may define their duties and responsibilities. Such assistants or deputies, when acting in such official capacity, shall possess all of the power and authority and shall be subject to all of the duties and responsibilities given to or imposed upon their respective superiors under this charter.

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