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SENATE BILL NO. 153

Offered January 14, 2026

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 3-91 of Chapter 358 of the Acts of Assembly of 1958, which provided a charter for the Town of Tazewell in Tazewell County, relating to town manager.

Patron—Hackworth

Referred to Committee on Local Government

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 3-91 of Chapter 358 of the Acts of Assembly of 1958 is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 3-91. A Town Manager who shall be the administrative and executive head of the municipal government. ~~He~~ The Town Manager shall be chosen by the council without regard to political beliefs and solely upon the basis of ~~his~~ such person's executive and administrative qualifications. At the time of ~~his~~ such official's appointment ~~he~~ the Town Manager need not be a resident of the town or the Commonwealth but during ~~his~~ such official's tenure of office ~~shall reside within the town~~ is encouraged to reside within the town limits and may reside within a reasonable distance outside the town limits upon a majority approval of the appointing council. ~~He~~ The Town Manager shall receive such compensation as shall be provided by the council by ordinance or resolution. ~~He~~ and may be bonded as the council may deem necessary. During the absence or disability of the ~~town manager~~ Town Manager or in case of a vacancy, the council may designate some properly qualified person to perform the duties of the office during such absence, disability, or vacancy. No ~~councilman~~ member of council shall receive such appointment during the term for which ~~he~~ shall have ~~been~~ the member is elected, nor within one year after the expiration of ~~his~~ such term. Neither the council nor any of the members shall direct or request the appointment, as hereinafter provided, of any person to office by the ~~town manager~~ Town Manager or by any of ~~his~~ the Town Manager's subordinates. Except for the purpose of inquiry, the council and its members shall deal with the administrative service solely through the ~~town manager~~ Town Manager and neither the council nor any member thereof shall give orders to any subordinates of the ~~town manager~~ Town Manager, either publicly or privately. The ~~town manager~~ Town Manager shall have the authority and ~~it~~ shall be his duty:

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