

2026 SESSION

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1 **SENATE BILL NO. 153**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 7, 2026

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

6 Patron—Hackworth

7 Referred to Committee on Local Government

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

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

10 *§ 3-91. A Town Manager who shall be the administrative and executive head of the municipal*
11 *government. He The Town Manager shall be chosen by the council without regard to political beliefs and*
12 *solely upon the basis of his such person's executive and administrative qualifications. At the time of his such*
13 *official's appointment he the Town Manager need not be a resident of the town or the Commonwealth but*
14 *during his such official's tenure of office shall reside within the town is encouraged to reside within the town*
15 *limits and may reside within a reasonable distance outside the town limits upon a majority approval of the*
16 *appointing council. He The Town Manager shall receive such compensation as shall be provided by the*
17 *council by ordinance or resolution. He and may be bonded as the council may deem necessary. During the*
18 *absence or disability of the town manager Town Manager or in case of a vacancy, the council may designate*
19 *some properly qualified person to perform the duties of the office during such absence, disability, or vacancy.*

20 *No councilman member of council shall receive such appointment during the term for which he shall have*
21 *been the member is elected, nor within one year after the expiration of his such term. Neither the council nor*
22 *any of the members shall direct or request the appointment, as hereinafter provided, of any person to office*
23 *by the town manager Town Manager or by any of his the Town Manager's subordinates. Except for the*
24 *purpose of inquiry, the council and its members shall deal with the administrative service solely through the*
25 *town manager Town Manager and neither the council nor any member thereof shall give orders to any*
26 *subordinates of the town manager Town Manager, either publicly or privately. The town manager Town*
27 *Manager shall have the authority and it shall be his duty:*

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