



HOUSE BILL 162: City of Morganton/Charter Amendments.

2021-2022 General Assembly

Committee:	House Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	March 10, 2021
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 162 would make various changes to the Charter of the City of Morganton (Charter) including establishing a time period for filling vacancies in the office of Mayor, requiring the City Manager to appoint the City Clerk, and making other technical corrections.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S150, as introduced by Sen. Daniel, which is currently in Senate State and Local Government.]

CURRENT LAW: When a vacancy occurs in the office of Mayor, the Charter provides that the Council must appoint a qualified person to the office of Mayor to fill the unexpired term, but the Charter does not specify the time within which the appointment must be made. The Charter also designates the City Manager as the City Clerk and specifies the duties of the City Clerk.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 162 would amend the Charter to require the Council, within 90 days of the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of the Mayor, to appoint a qualified person to fill the unexpired mayoral term; would require the City Manager to appoint a City Clerk and specify the City Clerk's duties; and would make various other technical corrections.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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