



HOUSE BILL 240: Davidson Charter Consolidation.

2025-2026 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 240 would revise and consolidate the Charter of the Town of Davidson.*

CURRENT LAW: The Town of Davidson (Town) was incorporated in 1891. Since then, the Charter has been modified by several acts of the General Assembly. The Charter has not been consolidated and updated into one document since 1891. The Town operates under a council-manager form of government. The governing board consists of the Mayor and a five-member Town Council.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 240 would do all of the following:

- Repeal the current Charter and replace it with updated consolidated Charter provisions concerning the property, affairs, and governance of the Town.
- Establish the corporate boundaries as those existing on the effective date of the consolidated Charter.
- Provides for nonpartisan municipal elections in odd-numbered years, the Mayor to serve a two-year term, and Town Council members to serve staggered four-year terms.
- Requires the Town Council to appoint the Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Town Clerk and, continuing the council-manager form of government, provides that the Town Manager may appoint other administration and department heads.
- Repeals several local acts for the Town that are either consolidated in the act or are no longer necessary. The act has no effect upon local acts exempting the Town from certain zoning notices (Chapter 411 of the Session Laws of 1993), the regulation of trees (S.L.1997-420), and allowing the Town to make additional voluntary satellite annexations if certain criteria are met (S.L. 1999-85).

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

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