



SPONSOR: Rep. Gray & Sen. Hocker

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 391

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF MILLVILLE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE (Two-thirds of all members elected to each house thereof concurring therein):

1 Section 1. Amend Section 7(a) of the Charter of the Town of Millville by making deletions as shown by strike
2 through and insertions as shown by underlines as follows:

3 **Section 7.**

4 The procedure for holding the Annual Municipal Election shall be as follows:

5 (a) The Annual Municipal Election shall be held at a place designated by the Town Council within the corporate
6 limits of ~~The~~ the Town of Millville on the ~~First~~ first Saturday in March of each and every year from eleven (11:00) o'clock
7 in the morning, prevailing time, until ~~8:00~~ 6:00 p.m., prevailing time.

8 Section 2. Amend Section 16(a) of the Charter of the Town of Millville by making deletions as shown by strike
9 through and insertions as shown by underlines as follows:

10 **Section 16.**

11 (a) The Secretary shall be selected from members of the Town Council ~~for a one-year term.~~

12 Section 3. This Act shall take effect upon its enactment into law.

SYNOPSIS

This Act amends the Charter of the Town of Millville.

Section 1 of the Act revises the closing time for the closing of the polls on the day of the municipal election, from 8 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Town relies on volunteers to serve on the Town's Board of Elections and as Election Officers, and only a few voters cast their votes after 6 p.m.

Section 2 of the Act resolves a potential inconsistency in the Town Charter. Section 8 describes the Town Council's annual organizational meeting and provides in pertinent part in subsection (b), "The Town Council shall likewise elect a Secretary and a Treasurer from its own number to serve until the first regular meeting after the next Annual Municipal Election." Striking the one-year term for the Secretary under Section 16(a) avoids a conflict in the exact length of the appointment, in favor of Section 16's provisions that include all positions and account for the possibility that the time between organizational meetings may technically be longer than one year.