SPONSOR: Rep. Gray & Sen. Hocker

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 307

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY RELATING TO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND ORGANIZATION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL.

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

Section 1. Amend Section 6 of the Charter of the Town of South Bethany by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

6.5.2 Additional Qualifications for Mayor

A candidate for Mayor shall qualify as a "Resident" of the Town, pursuant to Charter §~~C-6C~~ 6.3.1(d)[2] at the time of the election. The Mayor shall remain a resident of the Town of South Bethany throughout his/her term of office.

6.5.3 At least four members of the seven members of Town Council shall qualify as "Residents" of the Town, pursuant to Charter §~~C-6C~~ 6.3.1(d)[2] and shall maintain the status of "Resident" throughout their term.

Section 2. Amend Section 7 of the Charter of the Town of South Bethany by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

7. Organization of Town Council.

7.1 Organizational Meeting. An organizational meeting of the Town Council shall be held ~~on the first Saturday~~ within 30 days following the date of the election. Such meeting shall be held at the usual place for holding regular Town Council meetings and shall be open to the public. The newly elected Mayor and other Town Council members shall assume the duties of their respective offices, being first duly sworn or affirmed to perform their duties with fidelity. Such oath or affirmation shall be taken before a Notary Public, a Justice of the Peace, or by one (1) of the holdover Town Council members. At the organizational meeting, the Mayor shall appoint a Mayor Pro-tempore, a Council Secretary, and a Treasurer subject to ratification by majority vote of the Town Council. Each of these officers of the Town Council shall serve in that position for a term of one (1) year or until the organizational meeting after the next succeeding election

SYNOPSIS

This Act amends the Town of South Bethany Charter to provide the correct citation to charter provisions relating to residency.

Additionally, the Council organizational meeting will be within 30 days after the election of members instead of being the first Saturday after the elections.