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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1‑1‑696, RELATING TO OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE STATE, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE GULLAH LANGUAGE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 1‑1‑696 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 1‑1‑696. The English language is and the Gullah language are the official language languages of the State of South Carolina.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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