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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59‑101‑40, RELATING TO THE SERVICE OF STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AS EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF THE INSTITUTIONS, SO AS TO MAKE THE SERVICE MANDATORY AND TO PROVIDE THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS ONLY MAY CAST ADVISORY VOTES UNLESS QUALIFYING AS AN ELECTOR IN THIS STATE; AND TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59‑101‑40 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59‑101‑40. (A) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law relating to the composition of the various boards of trustees of State‑supported institutions of higher learning, the president of the student body of each of these institutions may must be, ex officio, a nonvoting member of the board of trustees of the institution he attends and represents; provided, however, that he only may cast advisory votes unless he qualifies as an elector in this State.

(B) The term of office of the student body president shall be contemporaneous with his term as president.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024.

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