**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ACT 784 OF 1954, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE BEAUFORT‑JASPER COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL FOUR JASPER COUNTY APPOINTEES ARE TO BE RECOMMENDED TO THE GOVERNOR BY THE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION OF JASPER COUNTY FROM THE COUNTY AT LARGE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Act 784 of 1954, as last amended by Act 349 of 1974, is amended to read:

“Section 2. (A) The authority ~~shall be~~ is comprised of eleven members, seven of whom ~~shall~~ must be resident electors of Beaufort County and four of whom ~~shall~~ must be resident electors of Jasper County. The Beaufort County members of the authority ~~shall~~ must be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of a majority of the Legislative Delegation of Beaufort County. Of the Beaufort County members, the respective governing bodies of the City of Beaufort and the Town of Port Royal shall each recommend to the Legislative Delegation of Beaufort County one person who ~~may~~ in turn may be recommended by the Legislative Delegation of Beaufort County to the Governor for appointment, and the Beaufort County Council shall recommend to the Legislative Delegation of Beaufort County three persons who ~~shall~~ in turn must be recommended by the Legislative Delegation of Beaufort County to the Governor for appointment. ~~The Jasper County members of the authority shall~~ ~~be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of a majority of the Legislative Delegation of Jasper County. Of the Jasper County members, the respective governing bodies of the City of Ridgeland and the City of Hardeeville shall each recommend to the Legislative Delegation of Jasper County one person who may in turn be recommended by the Legislative Delegation of Jasper County to the Governor for appointment.~~ The remaining two Beaufort County appointees must be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Legislative Delegation of Beaufort County from the county at large. The four Jasper County appointees must be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Legislative Delegation of Jasper County from the county at large. The terms of office for all members and their successors of the authority ~~shall be~~ are for six years. All members of the authority shall hold office until their successors have been appointed and qualify. ~~Any~~ A vacancy occurring for any reason among the members of the authority ~~shall~~ must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the same procedure ~~hereinabove set forth~~ provided for in this subsection.

(B) The members of the authority may fix their compensation for each meeting in actual attendance upon the business of the authority, but ~~in no event shall such~~ compensation shall not exceed six hundred dollars ~~per~~ a year for each member or eight hundred forty dollars ~~per~~ a year for the chairman.”

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

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