**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 6‑1‑135 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE RECEIVING ANY STATE FUNDS TO OBSERVE STATE LEGAL HOLIDAYS, TO PROVIDE THAT PAYMENT OF STATE FUNDS OTHERWISE DUE A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MUST BE SUSPENDED IF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FAILS TO OBSERVE ALL STATE LEGAL HOLIDAYS, AND TO DEFINE “POLITICAL SUBDIVISION”.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 1, Title 6 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 6‑1‑135. Effective January 1, 2010, a political subdivision of this State, by ordinance, must provide for the observance of the state legal holidays provided pursuant to Section 53‑5‑10 if the political subdivision receives any state funds. Payment of state funds otherwise due a political subdivision must be suspended if such an ordinance is not in effect on January 1, 2010. The State Treasurer, before making disbursements of state funds to a political subdivision after December 31, 2009, must verify that the required ordinance is in effect. For purposes of this section, a ‘political subdivision of this State’ means a county or municipality.

Nothing in this section may be construed to limit the authority of a political subdivision: (1) to provide for the observance of holidays other than state legal holidays; or (2) manage the schedule of personnel on holidays for purposes of providing and maintaining vital services.”

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

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