**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO SUSPEND APPLICATION OF THOSE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 13, TITLE 7 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, THAT PERMIT STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET VOTING FOR THE 2012 GENERAL ELECTION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS MAY NOT ALLOW STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET VOTING IN THE 2012 GENERAL ELECTION.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding another provision of law, those provisions of Chapter 13, Title 7 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, that permit straight party ticket voting are suspended and do not apply for purposes of conducting the 2012 general election. General election ballots in this State may not allow straight party ticket voting in the 2012 general election, except as provided by federal law for uniformed and overseas citizens voting a straight party ticket on a write‑in absentee ballot for national offices.

SECTION 2. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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