**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 55‑11‑320, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE RICHLAND‑LEXINGTON AIRPORT COMMISSION, SO AS TO REVISE THE PROCEDURE TO APPOINT THE MEMBERS SELECTED BY THE RICHLAND COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 55‑11‑320 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 326 of 2002, is further amended to read:

“Section 55‑11‑320. The corporate powers and duties of the Richland‑Lexington Airport District must be exercised and performed by a commission to be known as Richland‑Lexington Airport Commission. The commission must be composed of ~~twelve~~ seven members to be appointed by the Governor as follows: five members must be appointed upon the recommendation of a majority of the Lexington County Legislative Delegation, ~~five members must be appointed upon the recommendation of a majority of the Richland County Legislative Delegation,~~ and two members must be appointed upon the recommendation of the City Council of the City of Columbia. Five additional members must be appointed by a majority of the members of the Richland County Legislative Delegation. The members of the commission shall serve for terms of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. Members may not serve more than two consecutive terms. A member serving on July 1, 1994, may serve until the expiration of the term for which he was elected and may serve two additional terms. In the event of a vacancy for any reason, other than the expiration of a term, a successor must be appointed in the same manner of the original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term. Any member may be removed by the appointing authority for neglect of duty, misconduct, or malfeasance in office after being given a written statement of reasons and an opportunity to be heard. Notwithstanding the expiration of the term of office of any member, he shall continue to serve until his successor shall have been recommended, appointed, and qualified, but any delay in appointing a successor shall not extend the term of such successor. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, except for their actual and necessary expenses while in performance of duties prescribed under this article.”

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

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