**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 63-19-610, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE JUVENILE PAROLE BOARD, SO AS TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE TO CLARIFY THAT THE BOARD IS NOT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT, DECREASE ITS MEMBERSHIP FROM TEN MEMBERS TO FIVE MEMBERS, TO PROVIDE THAT IN MAKING THESE APPOINTMENTS, THE GOVERNOR SHALL SELECT MEMBERS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RACIAL, GENDER, AND GEOGRAPHICAL DIVERSITY OF THE STATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DECREASE IN MEMBERSHIP WILL OCCUR BY ATTRITION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 63-19-610 of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 361 of 2008, is amended to read:

“Section 63-19-610. (A) There is created ~~under the~~ ~~Department of Juvenile Justice~~ the Board of Juvenile Parole. The parole board is composed of ~~ten~~ five members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. ~~Of these members, one must be appointed from each of the six congressional districts and four members must be appointed from the State at large.~~ In making these appointments, the Governor shall select members who are representative of the racial, gender, and geographical diversity of the State. If a vacancy occurs on the parole board when the Senate is not in session, the Governor may appoint a member to fill the vacancy and the appointee is a de facto member until the Senate acts upon the appointment.

(B) Members of the parole board shall serve four‑year terms and until their successors are appointed and qualify and these terms expire on June thirtieth of the appropriate year.

(C) No member may be reappointed to the parole board until two years after the expiration of a full four‑year term.”

SECTION 2. To conform the membership of the Board of Juvenile Parole, as provided for in Section 63-19-610 of the 1976 Code, as amended in Section 1 of this act, with the provisions of Section 1, the members of the board serving on this act’s effective date shall continue to serve until the expiration of their terms, and appointments must not be made to replace the first five members whose terms expire on or after this act’s effective date.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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