**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2‑20‑80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHENEVER AN ELECTION IS TO BE HELD BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION, EXCEPT FOR MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY, THE VOTE OF A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL COUNT AS ONE VOTE AND THE VOTE OF A MEMBER OF THE SENATE SHALL COUNT AS TWO AND SEVEN‑TENTHS VOTES.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 20, Title 2 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 2‑20‑80. Whenever an election is to be held by the General Assembly in joint session, except for members of the judiciary or any other office whereby the Constitution of this State requires the General Assembly to hold an election, the vote of a member of the House of Representatives shall count as one vote and the vote of a member of the Senate shall count as two and seven‑tenths votes.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and applies to any election held by the General Assembly in joint session after December 31, 2014.

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