**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ACT 294 OF 1961, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GOVERNANCE AND DUTIES OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT COMMISSIONERS MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE ANDERSON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE RESPECTIVE UNITS OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE IN THE COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Act 294 of 1961, as last amended by Act 175 of 1999, is further amended to read:

“Section 1. There is created a commission in Anderson County to bear the name of Anderson County Fire Protection Commission. The commission is composed of five resident electors to be appointed by ~~the Governor on the recommendation of~~ a majority vote of the county legislative delegation, including the senators on the recommendation of the respective units of fire protection service in the county. Any vacancies that occur on the commission must be filled in like manner. The commissioners shall reside within or own property in an area to be served by the Anderson County Fire Protection System. The term of office of each commissioner is for four years and until his successor is appointed and qualifies. A commissioner is eligible to succeed himself. If for any reason a commissioner is removed or resigns during his term, a successor must be appointed to complete that term. Vacancies occurring during a commissioner’s term must be filled only for the remainder of that term. The commissioners shall select a chairman and a treasurer from among themselves.

The legislative delegation shall provide notice of a vacancy to the applicable unit of fire protection service in the county. The members of the applicable unit, by a majority vote of the unit membership, shall recommend a nominee for the vacancy and transmit the nominee to the Anderson County Legislative Delegation.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and applies for terms expiring on the Anderson County Fire Protection Commission on and after that date.

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