**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 9, TITLE 4 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNCIL MAY CALL FOR A REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION TO GIVE THE COUNCIL THE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH POSITIONS, AS PRESCRIBED IN ORDINANCE, THAT WILL REPORT DIRECTLY TO AND SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COUNCIL.

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

SECTION 1. Article 7, Chapter 9, Title 4 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 4‑9‑655. (A) The council may call for a referendum on the question to give the council the authority to establish positions in the county that will report directly to and serve at the pleasure of the council and the authority to prescribe the particular positions and functions by ordinance. The referendum shall be conducted by the county elections commissioner at the general election in November.

(B) No ordinance may become effective unless the question approving the authority of council to establish positions that will report directly to and serve at the pleasure of the council receives a favorable vote of a majority of those persons voting in the referendum.”

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

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