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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 7‑7‑15, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE MANDATORY NOTICE OF A POLLING PLACE CHANGE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE APPROPRIATE ENTITY CHARGED WITH CONDUCTING ELECTIONS TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF A POLLING PLACE CHANGE AT LEAST TEN DAYS BEFORE THE FIRST ELECTION HELD AFTER THE POLLING PLACE CHANGE ON THE ENTITY’S INTERNET WEBSITE, IF THE ENTITY MAINTAINS A SITE, AND IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY, AND TO MAIL NOTICE OF THE POLLING PLACE CHANGE AT LEAST TEN DAYS BEFORE THE FIRST ELECTION HELD AFTER THE POLLING PLACE CHANGE TO ALL AFFECTED HOUSEHOLDS WITH AT LEAST ONE REGISTERED VOTER.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7‑7‑15 of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 378 of 1988, is amended to read:

“Section 7‑7‑15. When a polling place established by statute or ordinance or by an entity allowed by law to establish polling places is changed, the entity charged with conducting elections at the polling place shall:

(1) publish notice of the polling place change at least ten days before the first election held after the change;

(a) on the entity’s Internet website, if the entity maintains a site; and

(b) in a newspaper of general circulation in the county;

(2) mail notice of a polling place change at least ten days before the first election held after the change to all affected households with at least one registered voter; and

(3) post at the time of the first election held after the change a notice on or next to the door of the entrance of the previous polling place stating in printing with letters large enough to be read easily by a person with normal vision from a distance of at least twenty feet, the location of the new polling place and the address and telephone number of the entity in charge of the conduct of the election.”

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

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