**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 9‑8‑60, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO RETIREMENT IN THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE TERM OF A SOLICITOR WHO HAS RETIRED AND CONTINUES TO SERVE AS A SOLICITOR BEGINS BEFORE THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH THE SOLICITOR ATTAINS THE AGE OF SEVENTY‑TWO YEARS, THEN THE SOLICITOR MAY CONTINUE TO SERVE AS SOLICITOR AND RECEIVE A RETIREMENT BENEFIT UNTIL THE END OF THE SOLICITOR’S TERM.

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

SECTION 1. Section 9‑8‑60(7) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 112 of 2007, is further amended by adding an appropriately lettered item at the end to read:

“( ) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, if the term of a solicitor who has retired and continues to serve as a solicitor pursuant to item (a) or (b) begins before the end of the calendar year in which the solicitor attains the age of seventy‑two years, then the solicitor may continue to serve as solicitor and receive a retirement benefit until the end of the solicitor’s term.”

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

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