**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3, ARTICLE XII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROVIDE FOR THE SEPARATE CONFINEMENT OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS FROM OLDER CONFINED PERSONS, TO CHANGE THE AGE FOR WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE SEPARATE CONFINEMENT OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS FROM “UNDER THE AGE OF SEVENTEEN” TO “UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.”

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed that Section 3, Article XII of the Constitution of this State be amended to read:

“Section 3. The General Assembly shall provide for the separate confinement of juvenile offenders under the age of ~~seventeen~~ eighteen from older confined persons.”

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for representatives. Ballots must be provided at the various voting precincts with the following words printed or written on the ballot:

“Must Section 3, Article XII of the Constitution of this State, relating to the requirement that the General Assembly provide for the separate confinement of juvenile offenders from older confined persons, be amended to change the age for which the General Assembly shall provide for the separate confinement of juvenile offenders from ‘under the age of seventeen’ to ‘under the age of eighteen?’

Yes 

No 

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘Yes’, and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘No’.”

SECTION 3. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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