**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2‑19‑130 SO AS TO REQUIRE A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHO RECEIVED A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION FROM A JUDICIAL CANDIDATE OR A FAMILY MEMBER OF A JUDICIAL CANDIDATE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS OF THE ELECTION TO RECUSE HIMSELF FROM VOTING ON THAT PARTICULAR JUDICIAL SEAT, AND TO REQUIRE A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RECUSE HIMSELF FROM VOTING FOR A SPOUSE.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 19, Title 2 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 2‑19‑130. (A) For purposes of this section, ‘contribution’ and ‘family member’ mean as they are defined in Section 8‑13‑100.

(B) A member of the General Assembly who knowingly received a campaign contribution from a judicial candidate, or a family member of a judicial candidate, within the previous twelve months of the judicial election must recuse himself from voting on that particular judicial seat. Judicial candidates are responsible for notifying individual members of the General Assembly in writing when they become aware that a family member has made such a contribution. In addition, a member of the General Assembly must recuse himself from voting in the election of a judicial seat in which his spouse is a judicial candidate.”

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

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