**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 7‑13‑200 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ENTITIES AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT REFERENDA, BALLOT MEASURES, OR NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS, SHALL CONDUCT THE ELECTION EVENT ON THE FIRST TUESDAY FOLLOWING THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER IN EACH EVEN‑NUMBERED YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 13, Title 7 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 7‑13‑200. (A) An entity authorized by law to conduct a referendum, ballot measure, or nonpartisan election, shall conduct the election event, at which qualified electors are allowed to cast a ballot, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even‑numbered year.

(B) Notwithstanding another provision of law, if an entity is required to conduct a referendum, ballot measure, nonpartisan election, or other election event, it must be conducted pursuant to subsection (A).

(C) A person having been elected and currently serving a term in office that has an election date other than the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of an even‑numbered year shall have his term of office extended to allow for an election to occur pursuant to subsection (A).

(D) The provisions of this section do not apply to amendments proposed to the Constitution of this State or the United States Constitution.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and applies to a referendum, ballot measure, or nonpartisan election that is to be conducted after July 1, 2017.

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