**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 26‑1‑15, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF NOTARIES PUBLIC, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NOTARIES PUBLIC APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN THE FORMAT PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 26‑1‑20 AND 26‑1‑25 BOTH RELATING TO ENDORSEMENT OF APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARIES PUBLIC BY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 26‑1‑15 of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 185 of 2014, is amended to read:

“Section 26‑1‑15. A person qualified for a notarial commission:

(1) must be a registered voter in this State;

(2) shall read and write the English language; and

(3) shall submit an application to the Secretary of State containing no significant misstatement or omission of fact. The application ~~form~~ must be submitted in the format provided by the Secretary and must include the signature of the applicant written with pen and ink, and the signature must be acknowledged as the applicant’s by a person authorized to administer oaths.”

SECTION 2. Sections 26‑1‑20 and 26‑1‑25 of the 1976 Code are repealed.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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