**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO ALLOW THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION TO EXTEND THE RECEIPT OF BALLOTS CAST PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT AND TO EXTEND CERTIFICATION OF THESE FEDERAL SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS FOR TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING A FEDERAL SPECIAL ELECTION FOR WHICH THE PRIMARY WAS HELD ON MAY 2, 2017.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The State Election Commission may extend the deadline for receipt of ballots cast pursuant to the Uniform and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act for an additional two weeks following a federal special election for which the primary was held on May 2, 2017. The State Election Commission may also extend the certification of these federal special election results for an additional two weeks to ensure that receipt and certification of all ballots cast in accordance with the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act are in compliance with federal law.

SECTION 2. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor and is applicable only to a federal special election for the primary election was held on May 2, 2017.

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