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1/20/2022 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 4](file:///h:\sj\20220120.docx))

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(A251, R177, S910)

**AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 518 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE BERKELEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EIGHT BOARD MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED IN NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS FROM SINGLE‑MEMBER DISTRICTS IN WHICH THEY ARE RESIDENTS, COTERMINOUS WITH COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICTS AND SHARING THE CORRESPONDING DISTRICT NUMBERS; TO PROVIDE THAT ONE MEMBER SHALL BE ELECTED FROM THE COUNTY AT LARGE; TO STAGGER THE MEMBERS’ TERMS OF OFFICE; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 3A OF ACT 518 OF 1982 RELATING TO THE BERKELEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS.**

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

**SECTION 3A of Act 518 of 1982 repealed**

SECTION 1. SECTION 3A of Act 518 of 1982, as last amended by Act 296 of 2012, is repealed.

**Berkeley County School District, single-member election districts revised, at-large member added**

SECTION 2. SECTIONS 1, 2, and 3 of Act 518 of 1982, as last amended by Act 408 of 2002, are further amended to read:

“Section 1. The governing body of the School District of Berkeley County shall be a nine‑member board known as the Berkeley County Board of Education. Eight board members shall be elected from single‑member districts in which they are residents, coterminous with county council districts and sharing the corresponding district numbers, updated consistently with the county council districts thereafter when county council districts change. One member shall be elected from the county at large. The board shall elect from among its members one person to serve as chairman for a term of one year, provided that no chairman is eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms.

Section 2. (A)(1) Except as otherwise provided herein, the members of the board must be elected in a nonpartisan election to be held at the same time as the general election for terms of four years. However, at the 2022 election:

(a) members elected in Districts 2, 4, 6, and 8 shall be elected for four‑year terms; and

(b) members elected in Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 shall be elected for two‑year terms.

(2) The Chairman of the Berkeley County School Board as of the effective date of this act shall serve as the at‑large member of the board from the 2022 election until the 2024 election. Beginning with the 2024 election, the at‑large member shall be elected to a four‑year term.

(B) All members of the board shall serve until their successors are elected and qualify. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, members shall take office at the first meeting of the board following certification of the election. At any election the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be deemed elected.

(C) A vacancy occurring for any reason other than expiration of a term must be filled by special election for the unexpired portion of the term as provided in Section 7‑13‑190.

(D) The county superintendent of education shall be appointed by the board. The county superintendent of education shall not be a member of the board.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 12th day of May, 2022.

Approved the 18th day of May, 2022.

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