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**S. 966**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

January 19, 2022

**S. 966**

Introduced by Senators Rankin, Campsen, Sabb, Matthews, Talley and Harpootlian

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**THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 966) to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 7‑19‑45 so as to establish election districts from which the members of the congressional, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

/PART I

Congressional Reapportionment

SECTION 1. Chapter 19, Title 7 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 7‑19‑45. The State is divided into seven congressional districts as follows:

DISTRICT 1

**Area Population**

County: Beaufort SC 187,117

County: Berkeley SC 229,861

County: Charleston SC

Awendaw 1,621

Christ Church 1,164

Edisto Island 1,884

Folly Beach 1 920

Folly Beach 2 1,196

Isle Of Palms 1A 1,120

Isle of Palms 1B 1,524

Isle of Palms 1C 1,758

James Island 10 2,195

James Island 11 2,559

James Island 12 1,661

James Island 13 2,088

James Island 14 1,129

James Island 15 2,166

James Island 17 2,355

James Island 19 2,233

James Island 1A 2,687

James Island 1B 1,408

James Island 2 7,318

James Island 20 1,976

James Island 22 1,920

James Island 3 1,069

James Island 5A 1,875

James Island 5B 1,108

James Island 6 2,102

James Island 7 2,684

James Island 8A 1,842

James Island 8B 2,568

James Island 9 1,837

Johns Island 1A 2,742

Johns Island 1B 3,313

Johns Island 3A 5,443

Johns Island 3B 2,184

Johns Island 4 1,860

Kiawah Island 2,012

McClellanville 1,975

Mt. Pleasant 1 1,904

Mt. Pleasant 10 1,358

Mt. Pleasant 11 1,903

Mt. Pleasant 12 3,436

Mt. Pleasant 13 1,630

Mt. Pleasant 14 2,113

Mt. Pleasant 15 2,919

Mt. Pleasant 16 948

Mt. Pleasant 17 3,786

Mt. Pleasant 18 1,528

Mt. Pleasant 19 2,968

Mt. Pleasant 2 1,564

Mt. Pleasant 20 1,715

Mt. Pleasant 21 2,194

Mt. Pleasant 22 2,266

Mt. Pleasant 23 2,724

Mt. Pleasant 24 1,040

Mt. Pleasant 25 1,402

Mt. Pleasant 26 734

Mt. Pleasant 27 4,062

Mt. Pleasant 28 1,560

Mt. Pleasant 29 385

Mt. Pleasant 3 1,914

Mt. Pleasant 30 2,607

Mt. Pleasant 31 2,093

Mt. Pleasant 32 3,609

Mt. Pleasant 33 5,428

Mt. Pleasant 34 2,358

Mt. Pleasant 35 7,539

Mt. Pleasant 36 2,481

Mt. Pleasant 37 4,732

Mt. Pleasant 38 2,331

Mt. Pleasant 39 5,875

Mt. Pleasant 4 2,032

Mt. Pleasant 5 1,644

Mt. Pleasant 6 2,648

Mt. Pleasant 7 1,353

Mt. Pleasant 8 1,193

Mt. Pleasant 9 1,354

Sullivans Island 1,891

Town of Seabrook 2,178

Wadmalaw Island 1 1,406

Wadmalaw Island 2 1,442

County Charleston SC Subtotal 179,743

County: Colleton SC

Edisto Beach 1,253

Green Pond 1,105

County Colleton SC Subtotal 2,358

County: Dorchester SC

Ashborough East 2,166

Ashborough East 2 1,045

Ashborough West 924

Ashborough West 2 1,538

Bacons Bridge 3,470

Bacons Bridge 2 1,332

Beech Hill 1,657

Beech Hill 2

Tract 108.01

Blocks: 4000, 4001, 4002, 4003, 4004, 4008,

4009, 4010, 4012, 4013, 4014 2,191

Beech Hill 2 Subtotal 2,191

Brandymill 993

Brandymill 2 1,956

Briarwood 2,153

Briarwood 2 1,522

Briarwood 3 1,008

Butternut 2,971

Carolina 2,965

Central 2,206

Central 2 2,486

Clemson 2,367

Clemson 2 4,253

Clemson 3 2,849

Coastal 2,082

Coastal 2 2,266

Coastal 3 1,179

Coosaw 4,919

Coosaw 2 3,371

Coosaw 3 2,322

Cypress

Tract 105.01

Blocks: 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1017, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 3000, 3001, 3002, 3003, 3004, 3008, 3010, 3011, 3012, 3013 4,659

Cypress Subtotal 4,659

Cypress 2 1,273

Delemars

Tract 108.01

Blocks: 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016 416

Delemars Subtotal 416

Dorchester 1,644

Dorchester 2 1,166

Flowertown 3,521

Flowertown 2 2,389

Flowertown 3 2,321

Germantown 2,026

Givhans

Tract 104

Blocks: 3000, 3001, 3002, 3003, 3004, 3005, 3006, 3007, 3008, 3009, 3011, 3012, 3013, 3014, 3015, 3017, 3029, 3030, 3031, 3034 1,280

Givhans Subtotal 1,280

Givhans 2

Tract 104

Blocks: 4000, 4001, 4002, 4003, 4004, 4005, 4009, 4010, 4011, 4012, 4013, 4014, 4015, 4016, 4017, 4018, 4019, 4020, 4021, 4022, 4023, 4024, 4025, 4026, 4027, 4028, 4029, 4032 1,565

Givhans 2 Subtotal 1,565

Greenhurst 1,875

Greenwave 2,208

Irongate 881

Irongate 2 836

Irongate 3 880

King’s Grant 2,190

King’s Grant 2 2,819

Knightsville 2,214

Lincoln

Tract 108.18

Blocks: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 418

Lincoln Subtotal 418

Miles/Jamison 2,931

Newington 1,417

Newington 2 961

North Summerville 620

North Summerville 2 1,964

Oakbrook 6,235

Oakbrook 2 2,002

Sawmill Branch 2,109

Spann 1,788

Stallsville 1,429

Tranquil 1,339

Tranquil 2 2,264

Tranquil 3 2,136

Trolley 2,522

Tupperway 1,344

Tupperway 2 1,657

Windsor

Tract 108.18

Blocks: 2003 53

Windsor Subtotal 53

County Dorchester SC Subtotal 127,543

County: Jasper SC

OAKATIE 2 1,893

SUN CITY 2,688

County Jasper SC Subtotal 4,581

DISTRICT 1 Total 731,203

**Area Population**

DISTRICT 2

**Area Population**

County: Aiken SC 168,808

County: Barnwell SC 20,589

County: Lexington SC 293,991

County: Orangeburg SC

Bolentown 1,973

Cope 904

Cordova 1 2,071

Cordova 2 2,622

Edisto 1,541

Limestone 1 2,616

Limestone 2 2,430

Neeses-Livingston 1,757

North 1 1,789

North 2 1,769

Norway 1,671

Pine Hill 1,650

Springfield 1,601

County Orangeburg SC Subtotal 24,394

County: Richland SC

Arcadia 2,200

Ballentine 1 2,309

Ballentine 2 2,585

Blythewood 1 2,980

Blythewood 2 3,379

Blythewood 3 3,818

Bookman 4,721

Brandon 1 3,590

Brandon 2 3,750

Briarwood 4,389

Bridge Creek 3,169

Cooper 1,436

Dutch Fork 1 1,683

Dutch Fork 2 1,931

Dutch Fork 3 3,596

Dutch Fork 4 2,474

East Forest Acres 1,545

Estates 3,005

Friarsgate 1 2,515

Friarsgate 2 2,064

Gregg Park 3,319

Hampton

Tract 25

Blocks: 4013, 4014 0

Tract 26.05

Blocks: 1004, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2015, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2044, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 3000, 3001, 3002, 3003, 3004, 3005, 3006, 3007, 3008, 3009, 3010, 3011, 3012, 3013, 3021, 3022, 3035, 3036, 3037, 3038, 3039, 3040, 3045, 3046, 3047 1,457

Hampton Subtotal 1,457

Harbison 1 3,481

Harbison 2 1,865

Kelly Mill 3,420

Lake Carolina 4,965

Longcreek 6,737

Mallet Hill 4,292

Meadowfield 2,326

Midway 4,819

Monticello 2,478

North Forest Acres 1,968

North Springs 1 1,758

North Springs 2 4,509

North Springs 3

Tract 114.19

Blocks: 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023 2,439

North Springs 3 Subtotal 2,439

Oak Pointe 1 1,871

Oak Pointe 2 1,120

Oak Pointe 3 1,532

Old Friarsgate 2,035

Parkridge 1 1,534

Parkridge 2 1,784

Parkway 1 3,460

Parkway 2 3,503

Parkway 3 2,592

Pennington 1 1,292

Pennington 2 2,115

Polo Road 5,320

Pontiac 1 4,592

Pontiac 2 3,436

Rice Creek 1 2,404

Rice Creek 2 4,189

Ridge View 1 3,895

Ridge View 2 4,697

Riversprings 1 1,567

Riversprings 2 1,883

Riversprings 3 1,954

Riverwalk 3,706

Round Top 951

Satchelford 2,010

South Beltline 2,584

South Forest Acres 1,995

Spring Hill 3,572

Spring Valley 3,870

Springville 1 2,866

Springville 2 2,620

Trenholm Road 1,467

Valhalla 3,719

Ward 16 1,642

Ward 17 2,113

Ward 24 1,365

Ward 25 2,579

Ward 26 10,666

Wildewood 3,982

Woodfield 5,058

Woodlands 2,909

County Richland SC Subtotal 223,421

DISTRICT 2 Total 731,203

**Area Population**

DISTRICT 3

**Area Population**

County: Abbeville SC 24,295

County: Anderson SC 203,718

County: Edgefield SC 25,657

County: Greenville SC

BAKER CREEK 2,435

DUNKLIN 3,829

FORK SHOALS 3,047

FOUNTAIN INN 1 5,157

FOUNTAIN INN 2 2,728

LONG CREEK 2,484

NEELY FARMS 4,822

PIEDMONT 5,218

PINEVIEW 1,985

RAINTREE 5,224

REEDY FORK 4,524

SYCAMORE

Tract 30.09

Blocks: 3013, 3014, 3015, 3016, 3017, 4000, 4001, 4002, 4003, 4004, 4005, 4006, 4007, 4008, 4009, 4010, 4011, 4012, 4013, 4014, 4015, 4016, 4017, 4018, 4019, 4020, 4021, 4022, 4023, 4043 2,418

Tract 30.10

Blocks: 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1041, 1042, 1043 1,098

Tract 30.11

Blocks: 1000, 1001, 1004, 1007, 1012, 1057 499

SYCAMORE Subtotal 4,015

VERDMONT 3,123

WALNUT SPRINGS 8,550

WARE PLACE 3,160

WOODMONT 4,225

County Greenville SC Subtotal 64,526

County: Greenwood SC 69,351

County: Laurens SC 67,539

County: McCormick SC 9,526

County: Newberry SC 37,719

County: Oconee SC 78,607

County: Pickens SC 131,404

County: Saluda SC 18,862

DISTRICT 3 Total 731,204

**Area Population**

DISTRICT 4

**Area Population**

County: Greenville SC

AIKEN 2,882

ALTAMONT FOREST 1,693

ASHETON LAKES 4,068

AVON 2,641

BELLE MEADE 2,797

BELLS CROSSING 4,279

BELMONT 1,623

BEREA 3,443

BOILING SPRINGS 2,750

BOTANY WOODS 2,739

BRIDGE FORK 2,014

BROOKGLENN 1,788

CANEBRAKE 3,597

CAROLINA 2,657

CASTLE ROCK 4,104

CHESTNUT HILLS 3,090

CIRCLE CREEK 4,410

CLEAR CREEK 2,355

CONESTEE 3,467

DARBY RIDGE 3,930

DEL NORTE 3,455

DEVENGER 2,313

DONALDSON 2,250

DOVE TREE 2,632

EASTSIDE 3,795

EBENEZER 3,543

EDWARDS FOREST 3,234

ENOREE 4,688

FEASTER 2,321

FOX CHASE 2,680

FROHAWK 2,213

FURMAN 5,893

GOWENSVILLE 2,810

GRANITE CREEK 4,167

GRAZE BRANCH 2,277

GREENBRIAR 2,388

GREENVILLE 1 2,198

GREENVILLE 10 4,258

GREENVILLE 14 2,879

GREENVILLE 16 2,502

GREENVILLE 17 2,107

GREENVILLE 18 2,136

GREENVILLE 19 3,488

GREENVILLE 20 1,610

GREENVILLE 21 1,793

GREENVILLE 22 3,046

GREENVILLE 23 2,783

GREENVILLE 24 7,307

GREENVILLE 25 3,400

GREENVILLE 26 3,075

GREENVILLE 27 2,999

GREENVILLE 28 1,588

GREENVILLE 29 3,740

GREENVILLE 3 3,338

GREENVILLE 4 4,465

GREENVILLE 5 3,722

GREENVILLE 6 1,326

GREENVILLE 7 4,509

GREENVILLE 8 4,567

GROVE 3,512

HILLCREST 3,560

HOLLY TREE 1,813

JENNINGS MILL 2,193

KILGORE FARMS 4,034

LAKEVIEW 5,479

LAUREL RIDGE 3,436

LEAWOOD 3,942

LOCUST HILL 2,122

MAPLE CREEK 4,336

MARIDELL 2,888

MAULDIN 1 2,970

MAULDIN 2 6,409

MAULDIN 3 3,409

MAULDIN 4 4,642

MAULDIN 5 4,817

MAULDIN 6 2,930

MAULDIN 7 2,654

MISSION 3,421

MONAVIEW 5,928

MOORE CREEK 5,570

MOUNTAIN CREEK 2,803

MOUNTAIN VIEW 3,378

MT. PLEASANT 4,058

NORTHWOOD 2,740

OAKVIEW 3,861

ONEAL 4,570

PALMETTO 2,924

PARIS MOUNTAIN 1,705

PEBBLE CREEK 2,799

PELHAM FALLS 1,570

POINSETT 4,944

RANCH CREEK 4,300

RIVERSIDE 4,074

RIVERWALK 3,213

ROCK HILL 3,984

ROCKY CREEK 3,075

ROLLING GREEN 2,152

ROYAL OAKS 2,245

SALUDA 2,296

SANDY FLAT 4,745

SEVIER 3,694

SILVERLEAF 2,967

SIMPSONVILLE 1 4,067

SIMPSONVILLE 2 3,107

SIMPSONVILLE 3 3,685

SIMPSONVILLE 4 3,140

SIMPSONVILLE 5 3,783

SIMPSONVILLE 6 3,936

SKYLAND 4,056

SLATER MARIETTA 5,430

SOUTHSIDE 3,356

SPARROWS POINT 3,721

SPRING FOREST 3,337

STANDING SPRINGS 2,507

STONE VALLEY 3,525

STONEHAVEN 2,677

SUBER MILL 5,075

SUGAR CREEK 2,958

SULPHUR SPRINGS 4,421

SYCAMORE

Tract 30.09

Blocks: 4040, 4041, 4042, 4051 29

Tract 30.11

Blocks: 1002, 1003, 1005, 1006, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1013, 1014, 1049, 1050, 1066, 1067 313

SYCAMORE Subtotal 342

TANGLEWOOD 4,775

TAYLORS 3,650

THORNBLADE 5,118

TIGERVILLE 4,784

TIMBERLAKE 3,420

TRADE 4,337

TRAVELERS REST 1 3,695

TRAVELERS REST 2 2,619

TUBBS MOUNTAIN 3,582

TYGER RIVER 2,462

WADE HAMPTON 4,440

WELCOME 4,589

WELLINGTON 2,137

WESTCLIFFE 3,693

WESTSIDE 5,107

WOODRUFF LAKES 3,493

County Greenville SC Subtotal 461,008

County: Spartanburg SC

Abner Creek Baptist 3,407

Anderson Mill Baptist 2,445

Anderson Mill Elementary 3,612

Apalache Baptist 4,795

Arcadia Elementary 3,246

Beaumont Methodist 1,445

Beech Springs Intermediate 3,386

Ben Avon Methodist 1,994

Bethany Baptist 3,284

Bethany Wesleyan 4,245

Boiling Springs Elementary 7,524

Boiling Springs Intermediate 5,936

Broome High School 1,393

C.C. Woodson Recreation 2,374

Canaan 2,078

Cavins Hobbysville 1,496

Cedar Grove Baptist 2,380

Chapman Elementary 3,126

Chapman High School 5,423

Cleveland Elementary 4,464

Converse Fire Station

Tract 222.01

Blocks: 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2034, 2045, 2065 1,448

Converse Fire Station Subtotal 1,448

Cornerstone Baptist 2,294

Croft Baptist 2,110

Cross Anchor Fire Station 1,219

Cudd Memorial 2,556

D. R. Hill Middle School 4,636

Daniel Morgan Technology Center 1,608

Dayton Fire Station 2,893

Duncan United Methodist 2,665

E.P. Todd Elementary 3,928

Eastside Baptist 1,891

Ebenezer Baptist 1,522

Enoree First Baptist 2,322

Fairforest Elementary 4,920

Fairforest Middle School 5,043

Gable Middle School 4,093

Glendale Fire Station 2,157

Gramling Methodist 2,501

Greater St. James 4,474

Hayne Baptist 6,402

Hendrix Elementary 4,154

Holly Springs Baptist 5,562

Holy Communion 4,050

Hope 2,106

Jesse Bobo Elementary 3,037

Jesse Boyd Elementary 2,629

Landrum High School 3,992

Landrum United Methodist 4,488

Lyman Elementary 3,242

Lyman Town Hall 6,647

Morningside Baptist 2,639

Motlow Creek Baptist 1,649

Mt. Calvary Presbyterian 4,901

Mt. Moriah Baptist 2,596

Mt. Zion Gospel Baptist 1,353

Pacolet Elementary 3,545

Park Hills Elementary 2,594

Pauline Glenn Springs Elementary 1,635

Pelham Fire Station 3,298

Poplar Springs Fire Station 3,580

Powell Saxon Una 4,548

R.D. Anderson Vocational 2,213

Reidville Elementary 4,379

Reidville Fire Station 5,659

River Ridge Elementary 4,456

Roebuck Bethlehem 2,334

Roebuck Elementary 4,420

Southside Baptist 2,023

Spartanburg High School 3,122

St. John’s Lutheran 1,687

Startex Fire Station 1,804

Travelers Rest Baptist 5,948

Trinity Methodist 3,200

Trinity Presbyterian 2,749

Victor Mill Methodist 4,138

Wellford Fire Station 4,862

West View Elementary 2,420

White Stone Methodist 1,323

Woodland Heights Recreation Center 3,347

Woodruff Elementary 4,799

Woodruff Fire Station 1,977

Woodruff Leisure Center 2,356

County Spartanburg SC Subtotal 270,196

DISTRICT 4 Total 731,204

**Area Population**

DISTRICT 5

**Area Population**

County: Cherokee SC 56,216

County: Chester SC 32,294

County: Fairfield SC 20,948

County: Kershaw SC 65,403

County: Lancaster SC 96,016

County: Lee SC 16,531

County: Spartanburg SC

Boiling Springs 9th Grade 6,645

Boiling Springs High School 2,556

Boling Springs Jr. High 2,149

Cannons Elementary 1,766

Carlisle Fosters Grove 3,495

Carlisle Wesleyan 2,337

Cherokee Springs Fire Station 2,841

Chesnee Elementary 5,134

Converse Fire Station

Tract 222.01

Blocks: 1000, 1014, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2011, 2012, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2024, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033 515

Converse Fire Station Subtotal 515

Cooley Springs Baptist 4,474

Cowpens Depot Museum 1,970

Cowpens Fire Station 2,821

Lake Bowen Baptist 6,603

Mayo Elementary 3,008

Oakland Elementary 3,205

Swofford Career Center 5,388

Whitlock Jr. High 2,894

County Spartanburg SC Subtotal 57,801

County: Sumter SC

BIRNIE

Tract 13

Blocks: 1023, 1024, 1032, 1033, 1037, 1038, 2062 146

Tract 15

Blocks: 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1041, 1043, 1060 225

Tract 16

Blocks: 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1030, 1031, 1032, 1036, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1041, 1042, 1043, 1044, 1045, 1046, 1047 190

BIRNIE Subtotal 561

BUNRS-DOWNS 1,297

CAUSEWAY BRANCH 1 1,767

CAUSEWAY BRANCH 2 1,316

CHERRYVALE 1,290

DALZELL 1 2,498

DALZELL 2 2,040

DELAINE 2,106

EBENEZER 1 2,093

EBENEZER 2 2,515

FOLSOM PARK 2,980

FURMAN 2,392

GREEN SWAMP 4,461

GREEN SWAMP 2 1,441

HILLCREST 1,527

HORATIO 652

MANCHESTER FOREST 2,258

MCCRAYS MILL 1 2,366

MCCRAYS MILL 2 2,353

MILLWOOD 1,019

MULBERRY 1,731

OAKLAND PLANTATION 1 1,948

OAKLAND PLANTATION 2 1,610

OSWEGO 1,564

PALMETTO PARK 2,593

PINEWOOD 2,592

PRIVATEER 3,361

REMBERT 2,888

SAINT PAUL 3,117

SALTERSTOWN 1,262

SECOND MILL 2,195

SHAW 2,088

SPECTRUM 1,811

SUMTER HIGH 1 1,024

SUMTER HIGH 2 1,849

SUNSET 2,001

THOMAS SUMTER 1,588

WILSON HALL 2,507

County Sumter SC Subtotal 76,661

County: Union SC 27,244

County: York SC 282,090

DISTRICT 5 Total 731,204

**Area Population**

DISTRICT 6

**Area Population**

County: Allendale SC 8,039

County: Bamberg SC 13,311

County: Calhoun SC 14,119

County: Charleston SC

Charleston 1 795

Charleston 10 1,336

Charleston 11 2,040

Charleston 12 4,169

Charleston 13 1,457

Charleston 14 1,748

Charleston 15 2,793

Charleston 16 1,384

Charleston 17 1,307

Charleston 18 1,735

Charleston 19 986

Charleston 2 976

Charleston 20 1,576

Charleston 21 1,168

Charleston 3 1,062

Charleston 4 1,145

Charleston 5 1,053

Charleston 6 1,736

Charleston 7 2,498

Charleston 8 1,697

Charleston 9 1,389

Deer Park 1A 2,730

Deer Park 1B 7,708

Deer Park 2A 5,042

Deer Park 2B 3,280

Deer Park 2C 1,540

Deer Park 3 4,771

Ladson 5,160

Licolnville 3,471

North Charleston 1 1,110

North Charleston 10 2,970

North Charleston 11 1,055

North Charleston 12 1,379

North Charleston 13 1,662

North Charleston 14 931

North Charleston 15 2,365

North Charleston 16 1,555

North Charleston 17 1,526

North Charleston 18 3,448

North Charleston 19 1,843

North Charleston 2 1,789

North Charleston 20 1,280

North Charleston 21 2,704

North Charleston 22 2,642

North Charleston 23 3,360

North Charleston 24 5,435

North Charleston 25 1,018

North Charleston 26 922

North Charleston 27 3,061

North Charleston 28 3,038

North Charleston 29 2,738

North Charleston 3 1,594

North Charleston 30 2,995

North Charleston 4 1,807

North Charleston 5 2,709

North Charleston 6 2,048

North Charleston 7 2,354

North Charleston 8 1,267

North Charleston 9 2,754

St. Andrews 1 885

St. Andrews 10 1,484

St. Andrews 11 1,127

St. Andrews 12 1,305

St. Andrews 13 1,603

St. Andrews 14 1,977

St. Andrews 15 2,036

St. Andrews 16 1,233

St. Andrews 17 2,290

St. Andrews 18 2,724

St. Andrews 19 424

St. Andrews 2 1,393

St. Andrews 20 3,922

St. Andrews 21 1,385

St. Andrews 22 1,516

St. Andrews 23 1,491

St. Andrews 24 2,004

St. Andrews 25 2,305

St. Andrews 26 1,848

St. Andrews 27 6,553

St. Andrews 28 4,758

St. Andrews 29 5,106

St. Andrews 3 1,571

St. Andrews 30 2,771

St. Andrews 31 1,800

St. Andrews 32 1,476

St. Andrews 33 1,037

St. Andrews 34 3,060

St. Andrews 35 2,078

St. Andrews 36 2,058

St. Andrews 37 6,444

St. Andrews 4 1,993

St. Andrews 5 1,669

St. Andrews 6 1,432

St. Andrews 7 2,117

St. Andrews 8 1,100

St. Andrews 9 1,743

St. Pauls 1 1,103

St. Pauls 2A 1,261

St. Pauls 2B 1,786

St. Pauls 3 2,385

St. Pauls 4 2,400

St. Pauls 5 1,821

St. Pauls 6 2,907

County Charleston SC Subtotal 228,492

County: Clarendon SC 31,144

County: Colleton SC

Ashton-Lodge 734

Bells 464

Berea-Smoaks 1,245

Canady’s 763

Cottageville 2,438

Edisto 466

Hendersonville 1,353

Horse Pen 1,050

Hudson Mill 734

Jacksonboro 457

Maple Cane 1,477

Mashawville 948

Peeples 2,134

Peniel 1,754

Petits 365

Rice Patch 847

Ritter 924

Round O 1,562

Ruffin 370

Sidneys 901

Sniders 978

Stokes 980

Walterboro No. 1 1,918

Walterboro No. 2 1,996

Walterboro No. 3 1,960

Walterboro No. 4 2,161

Walterboro No. 5 2,136

Walterboro No. 6 2,119

Williams 404

Wolfe Creek 608

County Colleton SC Subtotal 36,246

County: Dorchester SC

Archdale 1,733

Archdale 2 2,115

Ashley River 3,361

Beech Hill 2

Tract 108.01

Blocks: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2027, 2028, 2029, 4018, 4019 18

Beech Hill 2 Subtotal 18

Cypress

Tract 105.01

Blocks: 1000, 1001, 1002, 1011 103

Cypress Subtotal 103

Delemars

Tract 108.01

Blocks: 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1041, 1042, 1043, 1044, 1045, 1046, 1047, 1048, 1049, 1050, 1051, 1052, 1053, 1054, 1055, 1062, 1063, 1064, 1065, 1066, 1067, 1068, 1069, 1070, 1071, 1072, 1073, 1074, 1075, 1076, 1077, 1078, 1079, 1080, 1081, 1082, 1083, 1084, 1085, 1086, 1087, 1095, 1096 675

Delemars Subtotal 675

Four Hole 1,452

Givhans

Tract 104

Blocks: 3010, 3016, 3018, 3019, 3020, 3021, 3022, 3023, 3024, 3025, 3026, 3027, 3028, 3032, 3033, 3035, 3036, 3037, 3038 139

Givhans Subtotal 139

Givhans 2

Tract 104

Blocks: 4006, 4030, 4031 114

Givhans 2 Subtotal 114

Grover 1,184

Harleyville 1,016

Indian Field 794

Indian Field 2 1,186

Lincoln

Tract 108.18

Blocks: 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1045, 1046, 1047, 1048, 1049, 1050, 3004, 3005, 3006, 3007, 3008, 3009, 3010, 3011, 3012, 3013, 3014, 3015, 3016, 3017, 3018, 3020, 3021, 3022, 3023, 3027, 3028, 3029, 3030, 3031, 3032, 3033, 3034, 3035, 3036, 3037, 3038, 3039, 3040, 3041, 3042, 3043, 3044, 3045, 3046, 3047, 3048, 3049 3362

Lincoln Subtotal 3,362

Patriot 3,087

Reevesville 1,344

Ridgeville 1,268

Ridgeville 2 2,001

Rosinville 1,717

Rosses 1,375

Saul Dam 793

St. George No. 1 1,711

St. George No. 2 1,053

Windsor

Tract 108.17

Blocks: 1013 0

Tract 108.18

Blocks: 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2014, 2015, 4000, 4001 1352

Windsor Subtotal 1,352

Windsor 2 1,044

County Dorchester SC Subtotal 33,997

County: Florence SC

High Hill 784

Lake City No. 1 2,213

Lake City No. 2 1,668

Lake City No. 3 2,414

Lake City No. 4 2,767

Leo 477

Scranton

Tract 20

Blocks: 2012, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2029, 2030, 3004 286

Scranton Subtotal 286

County Florence SC Subtotal 10,609

County: Hampton SC 18,561

County: Jasper SC

COOSAWHATCHIE 599

GILLISONVILLE 816

GRAHAMVILLE 1 1,675

GRAHAMVILLE 2 4,213

GRAYS 943

HARDEEVILLE 1 2,211

HARDEEVILLE 2 1,668

HARDEEVILLE 3 941

LEVY 3,059

OAKATIE 1,178

PINELAND 966

RIDGELAND 1 1,593

RIDGELAND 2 1,993

RIDGELAND 3 1,348

TILLMAN 1,007

County Jasper SC Subtotal 24,210

County: Orangeburg SC

Bethel 895

Bowman 1 1,720

Bowman 2 1,038

Branchville 1 1,425

Branchville 2 680

Brookdale 1,673

Elloree 1 1,310

Elloree 2 950

Eutawville 1 1,861

Eutawville 2 2,519

Four Holes 753

Holly Hill 1 2,662

Holly Hill 2 2,468

Jamison 2,405

Nix 1,579

Orangeburg Ward 1 1,035

Orangeburg Ward 10 1,018

Orangeburg Ward 2 988

Orangeburg Ward 3 2,075

Orangeburg Ward 4 2,768

Orangeburg Ward 5 1,022

Orangeburg Ward 6 1,095

Orangeburg Ward 7 958

Orangeburg Ward 8 1,022

Orangeburg Ward 9 805

Providence 1,372

Rowesville 758

Santee 1 1,844

Santee 2 1,507

Suburban 1 1,296

Suburban 2 748

Suburban 3 2,035

Suburban 4 769

Suburban 5 1,805

Suburban 6 1,308

Suburban 7 2,517

Suburban 8 1,169

Suburban 9 2,460

Vance 1,904

Whittaker 1,613

County Orangeburg SC Subtotal 59,829

County: Richland SC

Ardincaple 944

Beatty Road 2,018

Bluff 3,208

Caughman Road 2,657

College Place 2,288

Dennyside 1,696

Dentsville 3,133

Eastover 1,502

Edgewood 2,771

Fairlawn 4,466

Fairwold 1,046

Gadsden 1,606

Garners 1,378

Greenview 2,022

Hampton

Tract 26.02

Blocks: 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2040 158

Tract 26.05

Blocks: 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1016, 1017, 1019, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 3014, 3015, 3016, 3017, 3018, 3019, 3020, 3023, 3024, 3025, 3026, 3027, 3028, 3029, 3030, 3031, 3032, 3033, 3034, 3041, 3042, 3043, 3044 1216

Hampton Subtotal 1,374

Hopkins 1 1,825

Hopkins 2 2,151

Horrell Hill 3,759

Hunting Creek 693

Keels 1 3,359

Keels 2 2,846

Keenan 2,553

Killian 4,335

Kingswood 4,179

Lincolnshire 2,980

Longleaf 2,991

Lykesland 2,531

McEntire 1,070

Meadowlake 3,678

Mill Creek 2,127

North Springs 3

Tract 114.19

Blocks: 1014, 1015 424

North Springs 3 Subtotal 424

Oakwood 1,335

Olympia 6,111

Pine Grove 2,726

Pine Lakes 1 1,810

Pine Lakes 2 2,522

Pinewood 3,022

Ridgewood 987

Riverside 2,275

Sandlapper 4,584

Skyland 1,964

Spring Valley West 4,099

St. Andrews 2,109

Trinity 2,530

Valley State Park 5,427

Walden 6,558

Ward 1 6,183

Ward 10 1,991

Ward 11 2,190

Ward 12 2,039

Ward 13 2,788

Ward 14 2,026

Ward 15 1,271

Ward 18 2,026

Ward 19 2,163

Ward 2 2,394

Ward 20 2,383

Ward 21 2,570

Ward 22 2,175

Ward 23 1,308

Ward 29 2,030

Ward 3 2,011

Ward 30 2,342

Ward 31 1,728

Ward 32 1,205

Ward 33 1,388

Ward 34 1,476

Ward 4 1,969

Ward 5 8,651

Ward 6 1,834

Ward 7 1,809

Ward 8 1,591

Ward 9 1,379

Webber 1,598

Westminster 3,214

Whitewell 3,325

County Richland SC Subtotal 192,726

County: Sumter SC

BATES 746

BIRNIE

Tract 13

Blocks: 1014, 1015, 1016, 1018, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1031, 1039, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061 676

Tract 15

Blocks: 1001 0

BIRNIE Subtotal 676

CROSSWELL 2,173

HAMPTON PARK 1,061

LEMIRA 1,967

LORING 1,774

MAGNOLIA-HARMONY 1,213

MAYESVILLE 614

MAYEWOOD 1,723

MORRIS COLLEGE 1,750

POCOTALIGO 1 2,970

POCOTALIGO 2 2,335

SAINT JOHN 1,513

SALEM 480

SAVAGE-GLOVER 708

SOUTH LIBERTY 810

SOUTH RED BAY 1,084

STONE HILL 814

SWAN LAKE 1,576

TURKEY CREEK 1,686

WILDER 1,222

County Sumter SC Subtotal 28,895

County: Williamsburg SC 31,026

DISTRICT 6 Total 731,204

**Area Population**

DISTRICT 7

**Area Population**

County: Chesterfield SC 43,273

County: Darlington SC 62,905

County: Dillon SC 28,292

County: Florence SC

Back Swamp 1,101

Brookgreen 1,150

Cartersville 1,142

Claussen 2,856

Coles Crossroads 3,889

Cowards No. 1 1,447

Cowards No. 2 1,730

Delmae No. 1 4,361

Delmae No. 2 2,328

Ebenezer No. 1 4,992

Ebenezer No. 2 3,944

Ebenezer No. 3 1,995

Effingham 1,595

Elim-Glenwood 2,575

Evergreen 1,484

Florence Ward 1 1,595

Florence Ward 10 1,078

Florence Ward 11 1,428

Florence Ward 12 3,662

Florence Ward 14 3,103

Florence Ward 15 964

Florence Ward 2 1,930

Florence Ward 3 1,954

Florence Ward 4 1,125

Florence Ward 5 1,864

Florence Ward 6 1,161

Florence Ward 7 2,826

Florence Ward 8 2,411

Florence Ward 9 2,034

Friendfield 766

Gilbert 3,555

Greenwood 3,368

Hannah 1,007

Johnsonville 3,452

Kingsburg-Stone 1,359

Mars Bluff No. 1 5,161

Mars Bluff No. 2 2,265

McAllister Mill 1,246

Mill Branch 858

Oak Grove-Sardis 1,602

Olanta 1,944

Pamplico No. 1 1,558

Pamplico No. 2 963

Prospect 664

Quinby 1,316

Salem 925

Savannah Grove 6,121

Scranton

Tract 20

Blocks: 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1041, 1042, 1043, 1054, 1055, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 915

Tract 23

Blocks: 1061, 1062, 1068, 3010, 3011, 3017 116

Scranton Subtotal 1,031

South Florence 1 4,235

South Florence 2 3,023

Spaulding 1,474

Tans Bay 2,613

Timmonsville 1 2,145

Timmonsville 2 2,017

Vox 954

West Florence 1 4,948

West Florence 2 2,156

County Florence SC Subtotal 126,450

County: Georgetown SC 63,404

County: Horry SC 351,029

County: Marion SC 29,183

County: Marlboro SC 26,667

DISTRICT 7 Total 731,203

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PART II

Miscellaneous

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SECTION 3. Upon the effective date of this act:

(A)(1) The President of the Senate has an unconditional right to intervene on behalf of the Senate in a state court action and may provide evidence or argument, written or oral, if a party to that court action challenges the constitutionality of this act, the validity of this legislation, or any action of the General Assembly.

(2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives has an unconditional right to intervene on behalf of the House of Representatives in a state court action and may provide evidence or argument, written or oral, if a party to that court action challenges the constitutionality of this act, the validity of this legislation, or any action of the General Assembly.

(B)(1) In a federal court action that challenges the constitutionality of this act, the validity of this legislation, or any action of the General Assembly, the President of the Senate has standing to intervene as a party on behalf of the Senate, to file an amicus brief, or to provide evidence or argument, written or oral, in accordance with the federal rules of procedure, irrespective of whether any other officer of the State has appeared in the action. A federal court presiding over any action in which the State of South Carolina, or any state agency, is a named party is requested to allow the President, on behalf of the Senate, to participate in any such action as a party.

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(C)(1) A request to intervene or the participation of the President of the Senate as a party or otherwise, in any action challenging the constitutionality of a state statute, the validity of legislation, or any action of the General Assembly does not constitute a waiver of:

(a) legislative immunity or legislative privilege for any individual legislator, legislative officer, or legislative staff member; or

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(D) The State Election Commission and the Attorney General must notify the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives within twenty‑four hours of the receipt of service of a complaint that challenges the validity of this act.

(E) In any action in which the Senate or the House of Representatives intervenes or participates pursuant to this section, the Senate and the House of Representatives must function independently from each other in the representation of their respective bodies, unless otherwise agreed to by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(F)(1) The Senate is hereby authorized and empowered to employ attorneys other than the Attorney General to defend any law enacted creating legislative or congressional districts.

(2) The House of Representatives is hereby authorized and empowered to employ attorneys other than the Attorney General to defend any law enacted creating legislative or congressional districts.

SECTION 4. The President of the Senate is authorized to initiate or otherwise participate in litigation on behalf of the Senate regarding redistricting.

SECTION 5. The Speaker of the House is authorized to initiate or otherwise participate in litigation on behalf of the House of Representatives regarding redistricting as the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives pursuant to Section 2‑3‑110.

SECTION 6. Any person elected or appointed to serve, or serving, as a member of any board, commission, or committee to represent a congressional district, whose residency is transferred to another district by a change in the composition of the district, may serve, or continue to serve, the term of office for which he was elected or appointed; however, the appointing or electing authority shall appoint or elect an additional member on that board, commission, or committee from the district which loses a resident member as a result of the transfer to serve until the term of the transferred member expires. When a vacancy occurs in the district to which a member has been transferred, the vacancy must not be filled until the full term of the transferred member expires.

SECTION 7. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

PART III

Time Effective

SECTION 8. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

LUKE A. RANKIN for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 7‑19‑45 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS ARE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION; TO REPEAL SECTION 7‑19‑35 RELATING TO ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS WERE FORMERLY ELECTED; TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE TO INTERVENE IN ANY STATE OR FEDERAL ACTION CONCERNING THIS LEGISLATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE TO INITIATE OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATE IN LITIGATION ON BEHALF OF THE SENATE REGARDING REDISTRICTING; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO INITIATE OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATE IN LITIGATION ON BEHALF OF THE HOUSE REGARDING REDISTRICTING.

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

PART I

Congressional Reapportionment

SECTION 1. Chapter 19, Title 7 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 7‑19‑45. The State is divided into seven congressional districts as follows:

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