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Summary: Pickens County Voting Precincts

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 1/24/2024 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal‑page 31)

 1/24/2024 House Referred to **Pickens Delegation** (House Journal‑page 31)

 1/25/2024 House Recalled from **Pickens Delegation** (House Journal‑page 51)

 1/30/2024 House Read second time (House Journal‑page 36)

 1/30/2024 House Roll call Yeas-113 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 37)

 1/31/2024 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal‑page 24)

 1/31/2024 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal‑page 9)

 1/31/2024 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** (Senate Journal‑page 9)

 2/22/2024 Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Campsen (ch), Hutto,
 Malloy, Garrett, Kimbrell

 3/28/2024 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** (Senate Journal‑page 19)

 4/2/2024 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal‑page 53)

 4/2/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-42 Nays-0 (Senate Journal‑page 53)

 4/3/2024 Senate Read third time and enrolled (Senate Journal‑page 7)

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Committee Report

March 27, 2024

H. 4937

Introduced by Reps. Collins, Hiott and Carter

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Read the first time January 31, 2024

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The committee on Senate Judiciary

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 4937) to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by amending Section 7-7-450, relating to designation of voting precincts in Pickens County, so as to authorize the Pickens, etc., respectfully

Report:

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

LUKE RANKIN for Committee.

statement of estimated fiscal impact

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill allows the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Pickens County, notwithstanding the provisions of §7-7-920 related to municipal elections, to locate a polling place within five miles of a voting precinct’s boundaries if the board determines that the precinct contains no suitable location for a polling place. Any polling place set by the board must be approved by a majority of the county’s legislative delegation.

The SEC indicates that management of precinct polling locations will take place under normal commission operations, and therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on the SEC.

Local Expenditure

This bill allows the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Pickens County, notwithstanding the provisions of §7-7-920 related to municipal elections of council members, to locate a polling place within five miles of a precinct’s boundaries if the board determines that the precinct contains no suitable location for a polling place.

This bill is permissive as it relates to the board’s ability to set the polling location outside of a precinct that does not contain a suitable venue. Therefore, we anticipate that this bill will have no expenditure impact on Pickens County. We will update this fiscal impact statement if additional information to the contrary is received from Pickens County.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-450, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN PICKENS COUNTY, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS, WITH APPROVAL FROM A MAJORITY OF THE PICKENS COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, TO LOCATE A POLLING PLACE WITHIN FIVE MILES OF A PRECINCT’S BOUNDARIES IF NO SUITABLE LOCATION EXISTS WITHIN THE PRECINCT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7‑7‑450(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 (C)(1) The polling places for the precincts provided in this section must be established by the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Pickens County subject to the approval of the majority of the Pickens County Legislative Delegation.

 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7‑7‑920, if the board determines that a precinct contains no suitable location for a polling place, the board, upon approval by a majority of the county’s legislative delegation, may locate the polling place inside the county and within five miles of the precinct’s boundaries.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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