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Summary: Barnwell County voting precincts

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 2/20/2024 Senate Recalled from Committee on **Judiciary** (Senate Journal‑page 2)

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 Malloy, Garrett, Kimbrell

 3/27/2024 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** (Senate Journal‑page 13)

 4/2/2024 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal‑page 43)

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 4/3/2024 Senate Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal‑page 5)

 4/9/2024 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal‑page 20)

 4/9/2024 House Referred to **Barnwell Delegation** (House Journal‑page 20)

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Committee Report

March 27, 2024

S. 971

Introduced by Senator Hutto

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Read the first time January 17, 2024

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The committee on Senate Judiciary

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 971) to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by amending Section 7‑7‑100, relating to designation of voting precincts in Barnwell County, so as to identify the voting, 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 designates polling locations for certain voting precincts located in Barnwell County. Under the bill and current law, the voting place for Barnwell No. 1, Barnwell No. 2, Barnwell No. 3, and Barnwell No. 4 is the Barnwell National Guard Armory. Under the bill, the voting place for Blackville No. 1, Blackville No. 2, and Healing Springs will be the Blackville Community Center, and the voting place for Williston No. 1, Williston No. 2, and Williston No. 3 will be the Williston Town Hall.

The SEC indicates that complying with the polling location designations set by the bill for precincts in Barnwell County will take place under normal commission operations, and therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on the SEC. Additionally, this bill will have no impact on the precinct maps prepared by and on file with RFA, as voting locations are managed separately from precinct boundary designations.

Local Expenditure

This bill designates specific polling locations for certain voting precincts located in Barnwell County. Each voting place set by the bill is owned and operated by the state, local, or federal government. Therefore, RFA anticipates that this bill will have no expenditure impact on Barnwell County. We will update this fiscal impact statement if additional information to the contrary is received from Barnwell 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 7‑7‑100, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BARNWELL COUNTY, SO AS TO IDENTIFY THE VOTING PLACE FOR CERTAIN PRECINCTS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7‑7‑100 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 Section 7‑7‑100. (A) In Barnwell County there shall be voting precincts as follows: Barnwell No. 1; Barnwell No. 2; Barnwell No. 3; Barnwell No. 4; Blackville No. 1; Blackville No. 2; Elko; Friendship; Kline; Healing Springs; Hilda; Snelling; Williston No. 1; Williston No. 2; and Williston No. 3. The voting place for Barnwell No. 1; Barnwell No. 2; Barnwell No. 3; and Barnwell No. 4 shall be the Barnwell National Guard Armory.

 (B) The precinct lines defining the precincts provided in subsection (A) are as shown on the official map prepared by and on file with the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office designated as P‑11‑04 and as shown on copies of the official map provided to the State Election Commission and the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Barnwell County.

 (C) Except as otherwise provided below, the polling places for the precincts listed in subsection (A) must be determined by the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Barnwell County with the approval of a majority of the Barnwell County Legislative Delegation.:

 (1) The voting place for Barnwell No. 1, Barnwell No. 2, Barnwell No. 3, and Barnwell No. 4 shall be the Barnwell National Guard Armory.

 (2) The voting place for Blackville No. 1, Blackville No. 2, and Healing Springs shall be the Blackville Community Center.

 (3) The voting place for Williston No. 1, Williston No. 2, and Williston No. 3 shall be the Williston Town Hall.

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

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