

**Potential Recommendations and Findings**

State Election Commission

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<b>Standardization and Uniformity</b>									
A	<b>Certification of Candidates</b> - Apply the August 15th requirement for certifying candidates in a statewide general election to all candidates and questions to be voted on in the general election except Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates.	Rec	Statute	Concept	Long term	Standardization and uniformity in elections	Takes no position	Requests	5
B	<b>Closing Registration Books</b> - Change deadline to register to vote from 30 days to 25 days by amending SC Code Ann. § 7-5-150; -155; -185, -220, and -330 as outlined by the State Election Commission in the agency recommendations document.	Rec	Statute	Specific	Long term	Standardization and uniformity in elections	Takes no position	Requests	9
C	<b>Substitution of Party Nominee</b> - Limit the time prior to an election when a candidate may resign for the reasons stated in § 7-11-50 and a time frame for when a substitute candidate may be nominated by updating the SC Code.	Rec	Statute	Concept	Long term	Standardization and uniformity in elections	Takes no position	Requests	14
D	<b>Municipal Elections</b> - General elections to be held on the first Tuesday of November in odd numbered years by amending S.C. Code Ann. Section 5-15-50 as follows: Each municipal governing body may by ordinance establish municipal ward lines and the time for <del>general</del> and special elections within the municipality. <u>General elections will be held on the first Tuesday of November in odd numbered years.</u> Public notice of the elections shall be given at least sixty days prior to such elections.	Rec	Statute	Specific	Long term	Standardization and uniformity in elections	Takes no position	Requests	16
E	<b>Partisan and Non-Partisan Primaries</b> - Analyze whether the election of school trustees should require a primary and if a primary is still to be conducted, having non-partisan primaries during odd calendar years to provide uniformity in the election of the trustees and to avoid voter confusion on primary day for the general election as all other ballots issued to voters are based upon party preference expressed by the voter at the polls. (Kershaw County School Trustee election only election at issue; suggestion is to change the date so non-partisan primary is not the same day as the other county partisan primary OR don't have a non-partisan primary)	Rec	Statute	Concept	Long term	Standardization and uniformity in elections	Takes no position	Requests	23
<b>Training of County Voter and Election Board Members</b>									
F	<b>Orientation for County Board</b> - Require each County Election Board Member participate in an orientation approved by the State Election Commission within thirty days of the individuals appointment to the County Board of Voter Registration and Elections; failure of which requires removal of the member by the Governor; by updating SC Code Section 7-5-10(D)(1) and (2).	Rec	Statute	Concept	Long term	Board members have some type of orientation training immediately as elections could occur shortly after they are appointed.	Takes no position	Supports	29
<b>Voter Registration and Database (not county boundary related)</b>									
G	<b>Yes/No Box on Voter Registration Application</b> - Revise the mailed and in-office voter registration applications to include a "Yes" and "No" box beside each voter eligibility qualification, similar to the boxes that currently appear by the "Are you 18?" and "Are you a U.S. Citizen?" to ensure it is clear to those registering that they are saying yes to each qualification.	Rec	Internal Agency Operation	Specific	Long term	Clarify to those registering that they are saying yes to each individual voter qualification	Takes no position	Supports	32
<b>Voter Registration Application</b>									
H	<b>Mental Incompetence Notification from Courts</b> - Update internal operations at the State Election Commission (SEC) to ensure the SEC receives notification when a Court deems an individual mentally incompetent from Probate Court Judges, or other entities, such as SLED, which the Courts notify, so the agency may update the voter registration database and move those individuals deemed mentally incompetent from active to inactive status.	Rec	Internal Agency Operation	Concept	Long term	Assist agency in keeping voter registration database current	Takes no position	Supports	36

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<b>Who has the Official County Boundary Map?</b>									
I	<b>Adopted - RFA has Official Map</b> - Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office has the official map of county boundaries, and that provisions be added in law which states South Carolina's official county boundary map that corresponds with current statutory descriptions and any annexations is held by Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office or its successor entity. This map will include boundaries necessary to determine election districts and other determinations set out by statute.	Rec	Statute	Concept	Long term	Clarify who holds the official county boundary map upon which the Census Bureau and others may rely	Requests	Supports	47
<b>Keeping the County Boundary Map Current</b>									
J	<b>No Annexation impacting line SCGS is mapping while SCGS is mapping</b> - Update statutes to prevent the following two actions from occurring simultaneously: (1) a county annexing property that would impact an individual boundary line of a county; and (2) SCGS mapping the geographic coordinates of the same individual boundary line. If a county wishes to annex property, they may begin the annexation process as outlined in Chapter 5, Title 4, after the date the geographically positioned individual boundary line takes effect as outlined in Section 27-2-105(B)(6).	Rec	Statute	Concept	Short term	Avoids confusion while SCGS is mapping a particular boundary line.	Requests	Supports	49
K	<b>Include Geographic Coordinates in any Future Annexations</b> - Update statutes so after the SCGS geographically positioned boundary line takes effect, (1) any future annexations impacting that line include geographic coordinates and descriptions of the proposed new line, which SCGS will verify, as part of the information available to those within the counties or municipalities who are voting on the annexation, and (2) within 30 days of the certification of election results approving an annexation, counties and municipalities must provide the geographic coordinates and description of the new boundary line to SCGS who will update the official map.	Rec	Statute	Concept	Long term	Provides efficiency in keeping the official county boundary map updated and current.	Requests	Supports	50
<b>Additional Notice AFTER Geographically Positioned Boundary Finalized</b>									
L	<b>Additional Entities Notified of Geographic Positions of Boundary</b> - Require RFA to email a copy of the correspondence it sends the Register of Deeds pursuant to SC Code Section 27-2-105(B)(6), to the following additional entities to ensure all parties receive the information: (a) SEC and County Registration/Election Board <input type="checkbox"/> Elections; (b) County Council; County Assessor <input type="checkbox"/> Taxes; (c) County Emergency Services <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Services; (d) All affected School Boards <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts, by adding a provision to SC Code Section 27-2-105(B)(6).	Rec	Statute	Concept	Short term	Helps ensure different county entities know which map to utilize	Requests	Supports	52

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<b>Preventing Taxation without Representation</b>									
M	<p><b>Adopted - Differences in Interpretations May Cause Taxation without Representation</b> - Until such time as the South Carolina Geodetic Survey Office of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs surveys and maps the county boundaries as laid out in statute, different entities may have different interpretations of the county boundary. These differences may create situations when one constituent is being taxed in one county and voting in another. Further, these potential situations may arise until the South Carolina Geodetic Survey Office completes its work, and the counties recognize these boundaries for all purposes including voting. Therefore, these discrepancies may exist until the South Carolina Geodetic Survey Office completes the project in 2030.</p> <p><u>Potential Revised language</u> Until 2030, or such time as the South Carolina Geodetic Survey Office of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs surveys and maps the county boundaries as laid out in statute, practical problems may arise under various interpretations of a county boundary including but not limited to taxation and representation. The Subcommittee's recommendations are intended to address those problems.</p>	Finding	N/A	N/A	Long term	Identifies an issue  Potential revised language utilizes softer language and clarifies the Subcommittee intends to address the potential issues through its recommendations.	Requests	Supports	54
N	<p><b>County Follows Geographically Positioned Map Until Statute Updated</b> - Require, by adding provisions in statute, a County Council, within 180 days of receiving the geographically positioned boundary (which may only be one boundary line of the county and not the county's entire boundary) from South Carolina Geodetic Survey (SCGS), to provide written confirmation to Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (RFA) that the county has taken any and all necessary steps, which may include grandfathering in certain residents for periods of time as long as those residents are not being taxed in an area in which they cannot vote, to adhere to the boundary for all purposes, including but not limited to, elections, tax assessments, emergency services, school districts, and permits.</p>	Rec	Statute	Concept	Short term	Helps avoid taxation in one county and representation in another county	Requests	Supports	55
O	<p><b>Update Voter Database based on Geographically Positioned Map</b> - Analyze current laws and short term revisions to allow an efficient and effective update of official voter lists necessary as SCGS geographically positions county boundaries pursuant to the boundary description in statute.</p>	Rec	Statute	Concept	Short term	Ensures where citizens vote follows the same map by which they are taxed, the geographically positioned map (i.e., statutory boundary)	Requests	Supports	56
P	<p><b>Private COA (cause of action) for Taxation Outside Geographically Positioned Boundary</b> - Authorize, by adding provisions in statute, a private cause of action, which includes reasonable attorney's fees, against any county that, after 180 days of receiving the geographically positioned boundary from SCGS, taxes citizens outside the county's geographically positioned boundary contained in the official county boundary map at RFA.</p>	Rec	Statute	Concept	Long term	Enforcement for the requirement that counties follow the official boundary for tax purposes	Supports	Supports	57
<b>Additional Notice BEFORE Geographically Positioned Boundary Finalized</b>									
Q	<p><b>Required Notice Pre-SCGS Work on County Boundary and Public Meeting Post-Preliminary Positioning</b> - Require SCGS send notice to the county administrator and publish this notice (1) in a local newspaper, and (2) on the RFA website prior to SCGS starting their work of geographically positioning a section of a county boundary. The notice will inform the public that SCGS intends to work on geographically positioning a section of the county boundary and welcomes public input. Require SCGS to work with the county administrator to hold a public meeting, after SCGS has preliminary geographic positions, to provide information on the preliminary positions and obtain additional public input prior to finalizing the plat of the section of the county boundary.</p>	Rec	Statute	Concept	Short term	Allow for more public involvement at the start of the process	Supports	Supports	59

**Concept v. Specific**

\*Concept means the Subcommittee recommends law(s) be updated to achieve a certain purpose or address an issue without draft language for doing so.

\*Specific means the Subcommittee recommends law(s) be updated and includes draft language.

**Short Term v. Long Term**

^Short term refers to interim resolutions including, but not limited to, while State Mapping is finishing geographically positioning the county boundaries, which is anticipated to be completed in 2030.

^Long term refers to permanent resolutions to issues, including, but not limited to, how things will work once the county boundaries are geographically positioned.