

Session 113 - (1999-2000)

S 0782 General Bill, By McConnell

Summary: Charleston County School Districts, Trustees, Reapportionment of; Elections, Referendum

A BILL TO AMEND ACT 340 OF 1967, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND VARIOUS DUTIES OF THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT AND THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD, BEGINNING WITH THE YEAR 2000 CENSUS AND EVERY TEN YEARS THEREAFTER, SHALL BE REAPPORTIONED; TO PROVIDE THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION OF CHARLESTON COUNTY IS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE DISTRICT WHO, SUBJECT TO THE POLICIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, HAS THE NECESSARY POWERS TO PERFORM THAT DUTY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT'S LAWFUL EXERCISE OF POWER MAY BE OVERRIDDEN BY THE BOARD ONLY BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD; TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF THE BOARD CONCERNING SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION AND REMOVE THESE DUTIES FROM THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICTS; TO PROVIDE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION HIRES ALL TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL OF THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICTS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD MUST OBTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVAL TO EXCEED THE CAP OF NINETY MILLS ANNUAL TAX LEVY; TO CREATE SEVEN INDEPENDENT AND AUTONOMOUS SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN CHARLESTON COUNTY AS OF JANUARY 1, 2001; TO PROVIDE FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF EACH SUCH SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO DEVOLVE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND CONSTITUENT BOARDS UPON THESE DISTRICTS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARDS; TO ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL OF BOARD CHAIRMEN FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SUPPLIES AND SERVICES TO DISTRICTS WITH THE AUTHORITY TO LEVY TAXES FOR OPERATING COSTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DIVISION OF THE BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT EXISTING ON DECEMBER 31, 2000, AMONG THE SEVEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PAYMENT OF THE INDEBTEDNESS; TO CONDITION THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THESE DISTRICTS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARDS UPON THE CERTIFICATION OF A MAJORITY FAVORABLE VOTE IN A REFERENDUM TO BE HELD AT THE TIME OF THE GENERAL ELECTION IN 2000; AND TO REPEAL ACT 340 OF 1967, RELATING TO THE CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND ALL OTHER ACTS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ACT ON JANUARY 1, 2001, UPON THE CERTIFICATION OF A MAJORITY FAVORABLE VOTE IN THE REFERENDUM HELD AT THE YEAR 2000 GENERAL ELECTION.

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