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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BY ADDING SECTION 1A SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHILE THE GOVERNOR IS PHYSICALLY ABSENT FROM THE STATE, ALL OF THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GOVERNOR UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF THIS STATE ARE DEVOLVED UPON THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR FOR THE DURATION OF THE TIME THE GOVERNOR IS PHYSICALLY ABSENT FROM THE STATE.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed that Article IV of the Constitution of this State be amended by adding:

“Section 1A. While the Governor is physically absent from the State, all of the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Governor under the Constitution and the laws of this State are devolved upon the Lieutenant Governor for the duration of the time the Governor is physically absent from the State.”

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for representatives. Ballots must be provided at the various voting precincts with the following words printed or written on the ballot:

“Must Article IV of the Constitution of this State be amended by adding Section 1A to provide that when the Governor is physically absent from this State, all powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Governor under the Constitution and laws of this State are devolved upon the Lieutenant Governor for the duration of the Governor’s absence?

Yes 

No 

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘Yes’, and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘No’.”

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