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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE, BY ADDING SECTION 12 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A PROCEDURE BY WHICH A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE MAY FINANCE HIS CAMPAIGN WITH PUBLIC FUNDS AS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY DETERMINE.

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

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

“Section 12. The General Assembly shall establish a procedure by which a candidate for elective office may finance his campaign with public funds.”

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 II of the Constitution of this State be amended by adding Section 12 so as to authorize the General Assembly to establish a procedure by which a candidate for elective office may finance his campaign with public funds?

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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