**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 5‑7‑200, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR FORFEITURE OF THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OR COUNCILMAN AND THE FILLING OF A VACANCY IN EITHER OFFICE, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF TIME THAT MAY BE UTILIZED TO FILL A VACANCY IN EITHER OFFICE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5‑7‑200 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 5‑7‑200. ~~(a)~~(A) A mayor or councilman shall forfeit his office if he (1) lacks at any time during his term of office any qualification for the office prescribed by the general law and the Constitution; (2) violates any express prohibition of Chapters 1 to 17; or (3) is convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude.

~~(b)~~(B) A vacancy in the office of mayor or council shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term at the next regular election, or at a special election if the vacancy occurs one hundred eighty days or more prior to the next general election, or within sixty days of the next regular election.”

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

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