**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VIII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, BY ADDING SECTION 19 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BY SPECIAL OR LOCAL LAW, TO ABOLISH A SPECIAL OR PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT AND TRANSFER ITS ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO AN ASSUMING SERVICE PROVIDER.

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

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

“Section 19. (A) For purposes of this section, ‘special or public service district’ and ‘assuming service provider’ are as defined by the General Assembly by general law.

(B) Notwithstanding another provision of this Constitution, the General Assembly, by special or local law, may abolish a special or public service district created by the General Assembly, by local or special law, and transfer its assets and liabilities to an assuming service provider.”

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 VIII of the Constitution of this State be amended by adding Section 19 so as to authorize the General Assembly, by local or special law, to abolish a special or public service district and transfer its assets and liabilities to an assuming service provider?

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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