**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 58‑27‑700 SO AS TO PROHIBIT AN ELECTRIC UTILITY, ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, OR THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY (SANTEE COOPER) FROM PROVIDING ELECTRIC SERVICE TO A PROPERTY OR FACILITY IN THIS STATE THAT IS USED TO HOUSE, HOLD, DETAIN, OR INTERROGATE A PERSON WHOM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS DESIGNATED AN “ENEMY COMBATANT” OR OTHER SIMILAR TERM FOR A PERSON WHO IS SUSPECTED OF COMMITTING, CONSPIRING TO COMMIT, OR ATTEMPTING TO COMMIT EITHER A DOMESTIC OR INTERNATIONAL ACT OF TERROR.

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

SECTION 1. Article 5, Chapter 27, Title 58 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 58‑27‑700. (A) An electric utility, electric cooperative, or the South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper) may not provide electric service to a property located within the State used to house, detain, hold, interrogate, or otherwise keep a person designated by the federal government as an ‘enemy combatant’ or other similar term used to describe a person being detained by the federal government on suspicion of terrorism or related charges.

(B) Notwithstanding another provision of law, the Public Service Commission may reassign the service area of an electric utility, electric cooperative, or the South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper) that provides electric service in violation of subsection (A).”

SECTION 2. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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