**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 7‑13‑200 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR QUARTERLY ELECTION DATES FOR CONDUCTING REFERENDA OR OTHER BALLOT QUESTIONS FOR ALL ENTITIES AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT THEM.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 13, Title 7 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 7‑13‑200. (A) An entity authorized by law to conduct a referendum, ballot measure, or other election event where a person is not elected to an office shall conduct this event, at which qualified electors are allowed to cast a ballot, on one of four dates as provided in subsection (B).

(B) The dates on which a referendum, ballot measure, or other election event may be held are:

(1) the third Tuesday in March;

(2) the third Tuesday in June;

(3) the third Tuesday in September; or

(4) the Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

(C) Notwithstanding another provision of law, if an entity is required to conduct a referendum, ballot measure, or other election event at which a person is not elected to office, it must be conducted on one of the four dates established in subsection (B) after and nearest to the date established by another provision of law.

(D) The provisions of this section do not apply to amendments proposed to the Constitution of this State or the United States Constitution.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and applies to a referendum, ballot question, or other election event at which a person is not elected to office after July 1, 2009.

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