**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑117‑10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MUST BE GRADUATES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, BEGINNING WITH MEMBERS ELECTED AFTER JUNE 1, 2010.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59‑117‑10 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 59‑117‑10. The Board of Trustees of the University of South Carolina ~~shall be~~ is composed of the Governor of the State ~~(~~or his designee~~)~~, the State Superintendent of Education, and the President of the Greater University of South Carolina Alumni Association, ~~which three~~ all of whom shall ~~be~~ serve as members ex officio of the board; and seventeen other members including one member from each of the sixteen judicial circuits to be elected by the general vote of the General Assembly as hereinafter provided, and one at‑large member appointed by the Governor. All members elected by the General Assembly must be graduates of the University of South Carolina, beginning with members elected after June 1, 2010. The Governor shall make the appointment based on merit regardless of race, color, creed, or gender and shall strive to ~~assure~~ ensure that the membership of the board is representative of all citizens of the State of South Carolina.”

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

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