**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 1‑7‑330, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ATTENDANCE AT CIRCUIT COURT AND PREPARATION OF THE DOCKET, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE FOR CIRCUIT COURT RATHER THAN THE CIRCUIT SOLICITOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING THE ORDER OF CASES CALLED FOR TRIAL FOR GENERAL SESSIONS COURT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1‑7‑330 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 1‑7‑330. The solicitors shall attend the courts of general sessions for their respective circuits. Preparation of the dockets for general sessions courts ~~shall be exclusively~~ is vested in the circuit solicitor. The ~~and the solicitor~~ chief administrative judge for circuit court shall determine the order in which cases on the docket are called for trial. ~~Provided,~~ However, ~~that~~ no later than seven days ~~prior to~~ before the beginning of each term of general sessions court, the ~~solicitor~~ chief administrative judge in each circuit shall prepare and publish a docket setting forth the cases to be called for trial during the term.”

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

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