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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, BY ADDING SECTION 4 IN ARTICLE XVI SO AS TO PROVIDE AT THE GENERAL ELECTION OF 2012 AND EVERY TWENTY‑YEARS AFTERWARD, THE QUESTION OF WHETHER A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BE HELD TO REVISE, AMEND, OR CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE TO BE DECIDED BY A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS VOTING ON THE QUESTION, AND WHERE A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS VOTING FAVOR THIS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS NEXT SESSION SHALL BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP PROVIDE BY LAW FOR THE COMPOSITION, FUNDING, ORGANIZATION, AND PROCEDURAL RULES OF THIS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

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

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

“Section 4. In addition to the provisions of Section 3 of this article relating to the procedure by which the General Assembly may call a Convention to revise, amend, or change this Constitution, at the general election to be held in the year 2012 and every twenty years afterward, the question ‘Shall there be a convention to revise, amend, or change the Constitution?’ must be submitted to the electors of the state; and when a majority of the electors voting on this question decides in favor of this Convention, the General Assembly at its next session shall by majority vote of the members of each branch of the General Assembly provide by law for the election of delegates, funding, organization, and procedural rules governing this Convention.”

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 on the ballot:

“Must Article XVI of the Constitution of this State be amended by adding Section 4 so as to provide at the general election of 2012 and every twenty‑years afterward, the question of whether a Constitutional Convention be held to revise, amend, or change the Constitution of this state must be submitted to the qualified electors of the state to be decided by a majority of the electors voting on this question, and where a majority these electors favor this Constitutional Convention, the General Assembly at its next session shall by majority vote of the members of each branch of the General Assembly provide by law for the composition, funding, organization, and procedural rules of this Constitutional Convention.

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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