**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 6-19-30 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITIES, DISTRICTS, OR SYSTEMS, TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO REFLECT THE ADDITION OF THE NEW CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 48-39-40, RELATING TO THE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT APPELLATE PANEL, TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO REFLECT THE ADDITION OF THE NEW CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 48-59-40, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK, TO ADD TWO SEATS TO THE BANK’S BOARD, ONE MEMBER TO REPRESENT THE SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, AND ONE MEMBER FROM THE STATE AT LARGE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-69-10, RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS, TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO REFLECT THE ADDITION OF THE NEW CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 6‑19‑30 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 6‑19‑30. The fund for such grants shall be from either revenue‑sharing trust funds or from general appropriations to the Department of Health and Environmental Control, which shall administer such grants for intermission to public water supply authorities or districts, sewer authorities or districts, water and sewer authorities, rural community water or sewer systems, nonprofit corporations or municipal sewer systems to which the grant is made. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint an advisory committee composed of ~~six~~ seven members, one from each congressional district of the State. In addition an employee of the Department of Health and Environmental Control, designated by the commissioner thereof, shall serve ex officio as a member of the committee. The Governor may invite any director or his representative from any agency providing water and sewer funds to serve as an advisory nonvoting member to the committee. ~~Of those initially appointed by the Governor and serving on April 1, 1975, the members representing the third and sixth districts shall serve until June 30, 1977, the members representing the second and fourth districts shall serve until June 30, 1978, and the members representing the first and fifth districts shall serve until June 30, 1979. Thereafter all~~ All members shall be appointed for terms of three years. In the event of a vacancy a successor shall be appointed for the unexpired term in the manner of original appointment. The advisory committee shall meet as soon after its appointment as may be practicable and shall organize by electing a chairman, vice‑chairman, secretary, and such other officers as it may deem desirable. The advisory committee shall select the projects to be funded in accordance with Section 6‑19‑40. Funds may also be expended from gifts or grants from any source which are made available for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter. Appropriations made to the fund but not expended at the end of the fiscal year for which appropriated shall not revert to the general fund but shall accrue to the credit of the fund. Grants shall be made only for water supply and waste water facilities projects on which construction was not commenced before April 1, 1974.”

SECTION 2. Section 48‑39‑40(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 48‑39‑40. (A) On July 1, 1994, there is created the Coastal Zone Management Appellate Panel which consists of ~~fourteen~~ fifteen members, which shall act as an advisory council to the Department of Health and Environmental Control. The members of the panel shall be constituted as follows: eight members, one from each coastal zone county, to be elected by a majority vote of the members of the House of Representatives and a majority vote of the Senate members representing the county from three nominees submitted by the governing body of each coastal zone county, each House or Senate member to have one vote; ~~six~~ seven members, one from each of the congressional districts of the State, to be elected by a majority vote of the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate representing the counties in that district, each House or Senate member to have one vote. The panel shall elect a chairman, vice‑chairman, and other officers it considers necessary.”

SECTION 3. Section 48‑59‑40 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 48‑59‑40. (A) There is established the South Carolina Conservation Bank. The bank is governed by a ~~twelve~~ fourteen‑member board selected as follows:

(1) the Chairman of the Board for the Department of Natural Resources, the Chairman of the South Carolina Forestry Commission, and the Director of the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, all of whom shall serve ex officio and without voting privileges;

(2) three members appointed by the Governor from the State at large;

(3) ~~three~~ four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one each from the third, fourth, and sixth congressional districts and one member from the State at large; and

(4) ~~three~~ four members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, one each from the first, second, ~~and~~ fifth, and seventh congressional districts.”

SECTION 4. Section 40‑69‑10(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 40‑69‑10. (A) There is created the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to be composed of ~~nine~~ ten members, one of whom must be a consumer member from the State at large, one of whom must be a licensed veterinary technician practicing in this State, one of whom must be a veterinarian from the State at large, and ~~six~~ seven of whom must be veterinarians representing each of the ~~six~~ seven congressional districts. Each veterinarian and veterinary technician must be a resident of the State, licensed by the State, and currently practicing with at least five years of clinical experience. Each veterinarian representing a congressional district must reside in the district that he represents. The consumer member must be a resident of this State. The terms of the members are for six years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. The chairman may only vote in the case of a tie vote by the board.”

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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