**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-700, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION OR OFFICE FOR FINANCIAL GAIN AND DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT THE MEMBER BE EXCUSED FROM ALL VOTES INVOLVING A POTENTIAL CONFLICT ON THE FLOOR OF THE RESPECTIVE HOUSE, DURING COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS OR SUBCOMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS, AND TO PROHIBIT THE MEMBER FROM LISTING HIS RECUSAL ON THE VOTE IN THE JOURNAL IF THE MEMBER PARTICIPATED IN ANY MANNER ON THE MATTER.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8-13-700(B)(2) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(2) if the public official is a member of the General Assembly, he shall deliver a copy of the statement to the presiding officer of the appropriate house. The presiding officer shall have the statement printed in the appropriate journal and require that the member of the General Assembly be excused from all votes, deliberations, and other action on the matter on which a potential conflict exists on the floor of the respective house, during committee proceedings or subcommittee proceedings. Should a member of the General Assembly participate in any manner on a matter on which a potential conflict exists, that member may not be listed in the journal as recusing himself on the vote on that matter;”

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

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