**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 7, TITLE 2 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENTS, BY ADDING SECTION 2‑7‑125, TO REQUIRE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS HAVING THE FORCE AND EFFECT OF LAW TO RECEIVE A RECORDED ROLL CALL VOTE AT VARIOUS STAGES OF THEIR PASSAGE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ACT TAKES EFFECT UPON THE RATIFICATION OF A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROVIDING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY ESTABLISH BY PERMANENT LAW CERTAIN MATTERS REQUIRING A RECORDED VOTE IN EACH HOUSE.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 7, Title 2 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 2‑7‑125. The vote on the following matters shall be taken by the yeas and nayes with the names of the members of the House and the Senate voting for and against the matter recorded in the journals of the respective houses:

(1) second reading of every bill or joint resolution having the force and effect of law and third reading of any such bill or joint resolution if an amendment is adopted during the debate on third reading;

(2) each section of the annual general appropriations bill prior to the consideration of second reading, unless the section is agreed to by unanimous consent;

(3) adoption of a Conference or Free Conference Report; and

(4) concurrence in or the adoption of an amendment to a bill or joint resolution having the force and effect of law returned from the other house.

The matters requiring a recorded vote by this section are in addition to those matters requiring a recorded vote by the Constitution and laws of this State and this section does not limit the ability of either house to require a roll call vote on any other matter the house deems appropriate.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon the ratification of an amendment to Article III, Section 12 of the South Carolina Constitution that the General Assembly may provide by permanent law that votes on certain matters in each respective house require the recording of the yeas and nayes in the journal of the respective house which are in addition to those matters for which the recording of the yeas and nayes is required by the state constitution.

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