**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 58‑5‑30, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXEMPTION FROM REGULATION FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES OWNED OR OPERATED BY MUNICIPALITIES, SO AS TO ALLOW A LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION OF A COUNTY IN WHICH A MUNICIPALITY IS LOCATED TO DESIGNATE POWER TO REGULATE PUBLIC SEWER AND WATER UTILITIES OF THE MUNICIPALITY TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 58‑5‑30 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 318 of 2006, is further amended to read:

“Section 58‑5‑30. Except as provided in Article 23, Chapter 9 ~~of~~, Title 58, ~~nothing contained in~~ the provisions of Articles 1, 3, and 5 of this chapter ~~shall~~ do not give the commission or the regulatory staff ~~any~~ power to regulate or interfere with public utilities owned or operated by or on behalf of any municipality or regional transportation authority as defined in Chapter 25 of this title or their agencies. However, a legislative delegation of a county in which a municipality is located may, by local legislation, designate power to regulate public sewer and water utilities owned or operated by or on behalf of the municipality to the commission.”

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

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