**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 2‑1‑180, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ADJOURNMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DATE FOR THE MANDATORY ADJOURNMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE FIRST THURSDAY IN JUNE TO THE THIRTEENTH THURSDAY AFTER THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FIRST CONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION IN THAT YEAR, AND PROVIDE THAT IN ANY YEAR THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FAILS TO GIVE THIRD READING TO THE APPROPRIATIONS BILL BY FEBRUARY FIFTEENTH, RATHER THAN MARCH THIRTY‑FIRST, THE DATE OF ADJOURNMENT IS EXTENDED BY ONE STATEWIDE DAY FOR EACH STATEWIDE DAY AFTER FEBRUARY FIFTEENTH, THAT THE HOUSE FAILS TO GIVE THE BILL THIRD READING.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2‑1‑180 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 2‑1‑180. The regular annual session of the General Assembly shall adjourn sine die each year not later than ~~5:00~~ five o’clock p.m. on the ~~first~~ thirteenth Thursday ~~in June~~ after it first convened in regular session in that year. In any year that the House of Representatives fails to give third reading to the annual General Appropriation Bill by ~~March thirty‑first~~ February fifteenth, the date of sine die adjournment is extended by one statewide day for each statewide day after ~~March thirty‑first~~ February fifteenth that the House of Representatives fails to give the bill third reading. The session also may be extended by concurrent resolution adopted by a two‑thirds vote of both the Senate and House of Representatives. During the time between ~~5:00~~ five o’clock p.m. on the ~~first~~ thirteenth Thursday ~~in June~~ and the extended sine die adjournment date, as set forth ~~herein~~ in this section, no legislation or other business may be considered except the annual general ~~appropriation~~ appropriations bill and any matters approved for consideration by a concurrent resolution adopted by at least a two‑thirds vote in both houses.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and first applies for the next annual regular session of the General Assembly.

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