**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 7-5-120, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTERING TO VOTE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER IS DISQUALIFIED FROM REGISTERING TO VOTE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7-5-120(B) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 365 of 1994, is further amended to read:

“(B) A person is disqualified from being registered or voting if he is:

(1) ~~is~~ mentally incompetent as adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction; ~~or~~

(2) ~~is~~ serving a term of imprisonment resulting from a conviction of a crime; ~~or~~

(3) ~~is~~ convicted of a felony or offenses against the election laws, unless the disqualification has been removed by service of the sentence, including probation and parole time unless sooner pardoned; or

(4) required to register as a sex offender pursuant to the provisions of Article 7, Chapter 3, Title 23, or the laws of another state or jurisdiction, including but not limited to, a military or federal jurisdiction.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon the ratification of the amendment to Section 7, Article II of the Constitution of this State to disqualify registered sex offenders from registering to vote.

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