**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 7‑5‑122 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UPON SATISFACTORY PROOF OF AGE, A PERSON WHO IS OTHERWISE QUALIFIED TO REGISTER TO VOTE MAY PREREGISTER ON OR AFTER HIS SIXTEENTH BIRTHDAY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT UPON MEETING THE AGE QUALIFICATION PROVIDED IN SECTION 4, ARTICLE II OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, AN ELECTOR WHO PREREGISTERED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE REGISTERED AUTOMATICALLY AND PERMITTED TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS OCCURRING ON OR AFTER THE ELECTOR’S EIGHTEENTH BIRTHDAY.

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

SECTION 1. Article 3, Chapter 5, Title 7 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 7‑5‑122. Upon satisfactory proof of age, a person who is otherwise qualified to register to vote may preregister on or after his sixteenth birthday. Upon meeting the age qualification provided in Section 4, Article II of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, an elector who preregistered pursuant to this section must be registered automatically and permitted to vote in elections occurring on or after the elector’s eighteenth birthday.”

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

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