**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 14‑27‑20, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL, SO AS TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL TO INCLUDE THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, THE DEAN OF THE CHARLESTON SCHOOL OF LAW, AND TWO SUMMARY COURT, RATHER THAN MAGISTRATES COURT, JUDGES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 14‑27‑20 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 678 of 1988, is further amended to read:

“Section 14‑27‑20. The Judicial Council is composed of the following:

(1) the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina or ~~some other~~ his designee who must be a member of the court ~~designated by him~~ and who shall serve during the Chief Justice’s term of office;

(2) the Chief Judge of the South Carolina Court of Appeals or his designee who must be a member of the court and who shall serve during the chief judge’s term of office;

(3) two circuit court judges of the State;

~~(3)~~(4) two family court judges of the State;

~~(4)~~(5) two probate judges of the State;

~~(5)~~(6) the Attorney General or one of the Assistant Attorneys General or one of the circuit solicitors;

~~(6)~~(7) the Dean or a member of the faculty of the Law School of the University of South Carolina;

(8) the Dean or a member of the faculty of the Charleston School of Law;

~~(7)~~(9) the President of the South Carolina Bar;

~~(8)~~(10) the Lieutenant Governor or his designee;

~~(9)~~(11) the Speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee;

~~(10)~~(12) the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee or his designee;

~~(11)~~(13) the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee or his designee;

~~(12)~~(14) the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee or his designee;

~~(13)~~(15) the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee or his designee;

~~(14)~~(16) the Director of the Legislative Council;

~~(15)~~(17) six other members, of whom at least four must be members of the bar of this State;

~~(16)~~(18) two ~~judges of the magistrates’ courts~~ summary court judges one of whom must be a magistrates court judge and one of whom must be a municipal court judge; and

~~(17)~~(19) two masters‑in‑equity.”

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

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