**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 7‑11‑30, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OF A PARTY’S CANDIDATES BY CONVENTION, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE TYPES OF CANDIDATES WHO MAY BE, RATHER THAN ARE REQUIRED TO BE, NOMINATED BY A PARTY’S STATE CONVENTION IF A PARTY NOMINATES CANDIDATES BY CONVENTION, TO PROVIDE THAT A PARTY’S CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES MAY BE, RATHER THAN ARE REQUIRED TO BE, NOMINATED BY A PARTY’S COUNTY CONVENTION IF A PARTY NOMINATES CANDIDATES BY CONVENTION, AND TO REVISE PROCEDURAL AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINATIONS BY CONVENTION, INCLUDING THE PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR THE NOMINATION BY CONVENTION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES OF STATE SENATOR AND MEMBERS OF THE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7‑11‑30 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 403 of 1984, is further amended to read:

“Section 7‑11‑30. If a party nominates candidates by conventions, the state convention ~~shall~~ may nominate the party’s candidate for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and all other statewide officers and United States Senators, members of Congress, state Senators and members of the House of Representatives and circuit solicitors, and the county conventions ~~shall~~ may nominate the party’s candidates for all county offices. No convention shall make nominations for candidates for offices unless the decision to use the convention method is reached by a ~~three‑fourths vote of the total membership of the convention, except the office of state Senator and of member of the House of Representatives. The nomination of the party’s candidates for the office of the state Senator and of member of the House of Representatives must be made in the manner determined by the state committee. If a party determines that nomination for the office of state Senator and of member of the House of Representatives must be by convention, these nominations must be made by the state convention. No convention shall make nominations for one or more offices at the convention and order primaries for other offices to be filled during the same election year~~ majority of the delegates in attendance at the convention. Conventions for political parties not nominating candidates in primaries may be called by state and county committees on other dates than those given in this title for conventions after three weeks’ published notices of the calls. Any political party nominating candidates by party convention shall nominate the party candidates and make the nominations public not later than the time for certifying candidates to the authority charged by law with preparing ballots for the general or special election.”

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

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