**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON PROHIBITED FROM APPEARING ON THE JUNE 2012 PRIMARY BALLOT PURSUANT TO MICHAEL ANDERSON AND ROBERT BARGER V. SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTION COMMISSION, ET. AL. AND WHO FILED A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST BY NOON ON MARCH 30, 2012, IS DEEMED A PUBLIC OFFICIAL AND TO HAVE MET THE FILING REQUIREMENTS TO APPEAR ON THE JUNE 2012 PRIMARY BALLOT IF OTHERWISE QUALIFIED.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions contained in Section 8‑13‑1356(B) and (E) of the 1976 Code, a person whose name will not appear on the June 2012 primary election ballot pursuant to the Supreme Court holding in Michael Anderson and Robert Barger v. South Carolina Election Commission, et. al. (Appellate Case No. 2012‑211366, Opinion No. 27120) and who filed a Statement of Economic Interest Form pursuant to Section 8‑13‑365 of the 1976 Code, by noon on March 30, 2012, as required pursuant to Section 7‑11‑15 of the 1976 Code, is deemed to be a public official as defined in Section 8‑13‑100(27) of the 1976 Code and therefore exempt pursuant to Section 8‑13‑1356(A) of the 1976 Code.

SECTION 2. A person who filed a State of Economic Interests pursuant to Section 1 is deemed to have met the candidate filing requirements and that person’s name may appear on the June 2012 primary ballot if that person has met all other requirements concerning ballot eligibility.

SECTION 3. The General Assembly finds that this act is remedial in nature and meant to cure a procedural defect in the law and does not alter, amend, or affect a substantive provision or right of any person.

SECTION 4. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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