**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 30‑5‑10, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DUTIES OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS BY THE CLERK OF COURT IN CERTAIN COUNTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF JASPER COUNTY BE ELECTED RATHER THAN APPOINTED BEGINNING IN 2014, AND TO PROVIDE THE REGISTER OF DEEDS IN JASPER COUNTY MUST SERVE A FOUR‑YEAR TERM; AND TO AMEND SECTION 30‑3‑12, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF REGISTER OF DEEDS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES, SO AS TO REMOVE JASPER COUNTY FROM THOSE COUNTIES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 30‑5‑10 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 127 of 2010, is further amended to read:

“Section 30‑5‑10. (A) In every county in the State other than Aiken, Anderson, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Dorchester, Georgetown, Greenville, Horry, ~~Jasper,~~ Kershaw, Lancaster, Lexington, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Spartanburg, and Sumter the duties prescribed by law for the register of deeds must be performed by the clerk of court who has all the powers and emoluments given the register of deeds in Aiken, Anderson, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Dorchester, Georgetown, Greenville, Horry, ~~Jasper,~~ Kershaw, Lancaster, Lexington, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Spartanburg, and Sumter counties.

(B) The registers of deeds in Berkeley and Dorchester counties are elected for terms of four years and until a successor is elected in the general election and qualifies.

(C) Beginning with the general election in November of 2012, the register of deeds in Jasper County must be elected for a term of four years and serve until his successor is elected and qualified.”

SECTION 2. Section 30‑5‑12(A) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 127 of 2010, is further amended to read:

“(A) The governing bodies of Anderson, Beaufort, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Georgetown, Horry, ~~Jasper,~~ Kershaw, Lancaster, Oconee, Orangeburg, and Pickens counties shall appoint the register of deeds for its county under terms and conditions as it may agree upon.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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