**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8‑11‑105 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON WHO HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF SEVENTY‑TWO YEARS MAY SERVE OR CONTINUE TO SERVE ON A STATE BOARD, COMMITTEE, OR COMMISSION, TO DEFINE “STATE BOARD, COMMITTEE, OR COMMISSION” AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 11, Title 8 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 8‑11‑105. (A) As used in this section, ‘state board, committee, or commission’ means an instrumentality of the State exercising any part of the executive authority of the State whose members, by virtue of their service, hold an office of honor or profit under this State.

(B) After December 31, 2013, a person who has attained the age of seventy-two years may not be appointed or otherwise selected to serve on a state board, committee, or commission.

(C)(1) A person first appointed or otherwise selected to serve on a state board, committee, or commission after December 31, 2013, who attains the age of seventy‑two years is ineligible to continue in office after December thirty‑first of the year in which the person attained that age and the office is declared vacant effective the succeeding January first.

(2) A person serving on a state board, committee, or commission on January 1, 2014, not including a person serving in a holdover status, who attained the age of seventy‑two years before January 1, 2014, may continue to serve only until the expiration of the member’s current term.

(D) The provisions of this section do not apply to a board, committee, or commission established by the Constitution of this State, nor does it apply to any individual who serves ex officio as a member of a state board, committee, or commission.”

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

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