**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 5‑3‑160 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MUNICIPALITY MAY NOT REQUIRE ANNEXATION AS A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO PROVIDING UTILITY SERVICES.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 3, Title 5 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 5‑3‑160. A city or town may not require annexation of property located outside the corporate limits of the municipality in exchange for providing utility services to the property.”

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

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