COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED

April 15, 2014

**S. 897**

Introduced by Senator Coleman

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1‑11‑723 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO RETIRES FROM A SOLICITOR’S OFFICE MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE PLANS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE COUNTY IN WHICH HE IS EMPLOYED AT THE TIME OF HIS RETIREMENT PARTICIPATES IN THESE PLANS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AND TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2012.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Section 1‑11‑730 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 278 of 2012, is further amended by adding an appropriately lettered subsection to read:

“( )(1) A person who retires from employment with a solicitor’s office under a state retirement system is eligible to participate in the state health and dental plans by paying the full premium as determined by the board if at least one county in the judicial circuit covered by that solicitor’s office participates in the state health and dental plans and the person’s last five years of employment prior to retirement are consecutive and in a full‑time permanent position with that solicitor’s office or another entity that participates in the state health and dental plans.

(2) The provisions of this subsection must be interpreted to provide eligibility to the employee, retiree, and their eligible dependents.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and is retroactive to January 1, 2012.

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