**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 2‑19‑70(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEING ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO A JUDICIAL OFFICE DURING THE TIME THEY ARE IN OFFICE AND FOR A YEAR AFTER THEY ARE IN OFFICE SO AS TO ALSO PROHIBIT THE SPOUSE OF A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM SEEKING ELECTION TO A JUDICIAL OFFICE WHILE THE MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOLDS OFFICE AND FOR ONE YEAR AFTER THE MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CEASES TO BE A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2‑19‑70(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(A) No member of the General Assembly, his spouse, child, parent, sibling, mother‑in‑law, or father‑in‑law may be elected to a judicial office while he is serving in the General Assembly nor shall that person be elected to a judicial office for a period of one year after he either:

(1) ceases to be a member of the General Assembly; or

(2) fails to file for election to the General Assembly in accordance with Section 7‑11‑15.”

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

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