**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ACT 779 OF 1988, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS 55 AND 56, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SEVEN SINGLE‑MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 55 MUST BE ELECTED, TO DESIGNATE A MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE SINGLE‑MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1B of Act 779 of 1988, as last amended by Act 316 of 2010, is further amended to read:

“Section 1B (A) One member of the Board of Trustees of School District 55 of Laurens County must reside in and be elected from each of the seven defined single‑member election districts by the electors within each election district as delineated in subsection (B) of this section.

(B)(1) Beginning ~~after the primary election conducted in 2010~~ with the 2016 school district elections, the seven defined single‑member election districts, from which each member of the Board of Trustees of Laurens County School District 55 must be elected by the qualified electors of that district, as revised by the change to the boundary line defining Laurens County School District 55 where it is contiguous with Laurens County School District 56, are as shown on the official map designated as ~~S‑59‑55‑10~~ S‑59‑55‑15 prepared by and on file with the ~~Office of Research and Statistics of the State Budget and Control Board~~ Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. The ~~Office of Research and Statistics of the State Budget and Control Board~~ ~~must~~Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office shall provide a certified copy of the map to the school district and the Laurens County ~~Registration and Election Commission~~Board of Voter Registration and Elections. The official map must not be changed except by an act of the General Assembly or by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(2) The demographic information shown on this map is as follows:

District Pop Dev. %Dev. NH\_WHT %NH\_WHT NH\_BLK %NH\_BLK

1 5,370 49 0.92% 4,511 84.00% 513 9.55%

2 5,332 11 0.21% 4,318 80.98% 844 15.83%

3 5,397 76 1.43% 4,455 82.55% 838 15.53%

4 5,364 43 0.81% 4,839 90.21% 353 6.58%

5 5,198 ‑123 ‑2.31% 1,635 31.45% 3,137 60.35%

6 5,165 ‑156 ‑2.93% 2,327 45.05% 2,519 48.77%

7 5,424 103 1.94% 3,603 66.43% 1,078 19.87%

Total 37,250 25,688 9,282

District VAP NHWVAP %NHWVAP NHBVAP %NHBVAP AllOth AllOthVAP

1 4,128 3,562 86.29% 350 8.48% 346 216

2 4,202 3,436 81.77% 651 15.49% 170 115

3 4,283 3,578 83.54% 631 14.73% 104 74

4 4,030 3,680 91.32% 243 6.03% 172 107

5 3,803 1,330 34.97% 2,223 58.45% 426 250

6 3,951 1,873 47.41% 1,874 47.43% 319 204

7 4,085 2,864 70.11% 824 20.17% 743 397

Total 28,482 20,323 6,796 23.86% 2,280 1,363”

SECTION 2. The Laurens County Board of Voter Registration and Elections shall conduct and supervise the elections for school district trustees in the manner governed by the election laws of this State, mutatis mutandis.

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

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