**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 58‑5‑30 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES FROM REGULATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, TO LIMIT THE EXEMPTION TO A PUBLIC UTILITY’S OPERATIONS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY’S CORPORATE LIMITS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 58‑27‑1010, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON REGULATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF CONTRACTS MADE BY A MUNICIPALITY, TO LIMIT THE PROHIBITION TO CONTRACTS MADE BY A MUNICIPALITY WITH CUSTOMERS LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 58‑5‑30 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 58‑5‑30. Except as provided in Article 23, Chapter 9 of Title 58, nothing contained in Articles 1, 3, and 5 of this chapter ~~shall~~ give the commission or the regulatory staff any power to regulate or interfere with public utilities owned or operated by or on behalf of any municipality within its corporate limits or regional transportation authority as defined in Chapter 25 of this title or their agencies.”

SECTION 2. Section 58‑27‑1010 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 58‑27‑1010. The ~~Commission~~ commission ~~shall~~ may not regulate any contracts made by any municipality with its customers who are located within the limits of the municipality, and nothing in this chapter ~~shall~~ may be construed as permitting the regulation by the ~~Commission~~ commission of the rates to be charged by any municipal plant to any of its customers who are located within the limits of the municipality, whether these customers ~~be~~ are other municipalities, persons, firms or corporations.”

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

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