**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND AN ACT OF 2017, BEARING RATIFICATION NUMBER 127, RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE THREE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY INTO ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019, SO AS TO REVISE PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF THE BUDGET OF THE ORANGEBURG CONSOLIDATION TRANSITION COMMITTEE, AND TO REVISE CERTAIN OTHER PROVISIONS CONTAINING OBSOLETE 2017 LANGUAGE.

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

SECTION 1. SECTION 1.(A) of an Act of 2017, bearing Ratification Number 127 is amended to read:

“(A) Effective July 1, 2019, Orangeburg County shall consist of one school district to be known as the Orangeburg County School District. ~~To provide for continuity of representation throughout the consolidation process, the school district elections scheduled for 2017 are suspended, and a member’s term that would have expired following the 2017 school district elections is extended until July 1, 2019~~.”

SECTION 2. SECTION 6.(C) of an Act of 2017, bearing Ratification Number 127 is amended to read:

“(C) During the transition period, ~~from July 1, 2017, to~~ until July 1, 2019, no new general obligation bonds may be issued against the constitutional debt limitation of the present three districts, except in the case of an emergency. If new general obligation bonds are issued, then the board of trustees of the issuing school district must adopt an ordinance declaring the emergency and specifying the necessity of the issue.”

SECTION 3. SECTION 8.(D) of an Act of 2017, bearing Ratification Number 127 is amended to read:

“(D) ~~No later than November first,~~ The Orangeburg Consolidation Transition Committee shall prepare a budget to be submitted to the county ~~legislative delegation~~ council. When approved by the ~~delegation~~ council, the budget must be funded by the school districts, each paying their portion based on their proportionate average daily membership report for 2017, from funds provided by the districts from their respective budgets. The consolidated school district fiscal commission may increase the districts’ budgets to meet these requirements.”

SECTION 4. SECTION 9. of an Act of 2017, bearing Ratification Number 127 is amended to read:

“SECTION 9. All local acts concerning a school district of Orangeburg County inconsistent with the provisions of this act are repealed as of July 1, ~~2017~~ 2019, it being the intent of the General Assembly to have this act and the general law be the only provisions of law governing the school district of the county.”

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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