**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ACT 205 OF 1993, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CHESTERFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO REVISE THE FILING PERIOD FOR DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1(B) of Act 205 of 1993, as last amended by Act 97 of 2015, is further amended to read:

“(B) In the event of a vacancy on the board occurring for any reason other than expiration of a term, the board shall call a special election to fill the unexpired term, so long as the vacancy does not occur within ten months of a regular trustee election. In this case, the vacancy must be filled for the unexpired term or for a full term, as appropriate, at the next regular election.

Each member of the board must be elected by the qualified electors of the respective district from which the candidate seeks election. All persons desiring to qualify as a candidate shall file written notice of candidacy with the county election commission, or with the clerk of court on forms furnished by the commission. ~~which~~ These forms must be transmitted to the commission by the clerk of court. This notice of candidacy must be a sworn statement and must include the candidate’s name, age, residence address, voting precinct, period of residence in the election district from which election is sought, and other information ~~as~~ the county election commission requires. The filing period opens ~~on the first Tuesday in September at noon to run for two weeks~~ at 12:00 p.m. on August first or, if August first falls on Saturday or Sunday, then 12:00 p.m. on the following Monday and shall run until 12:00 p.m. on August fifteenth or, if August fifteenth falls on Saturday or Sunday, no later than 12:00 p.m. on the following Monday.”

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

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