COMMITTEE REPORT

March 22, 2018

**H. 5163**

Introduced by Reps. Loftis, G.R. Smith, Burns, Chumley, Elliott, Stringer and Trantham

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**THE GREENVILLE DELEGATION**

To whom was referred a Joint Resolution (H. 5163) to provide for an advisory referendum to be held at the same time as the 2018 General Election to determine whether the qualified electors of Greenville County favor the Greenville Health System being, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

DWIGHT A. LOFTIS for Delegation.

**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM TO BE HELD AT THE SAME TIME AS THE 2018 GENERAL ELECTION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF GREENVILLE COUNTY FAVOR THE GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM BEING GOVERNED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATED AND APPOINTED BY THE GREENVILLE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF GREENVILLE COUNTY FAVOR AGREEMENTS BY THE GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM TO LEASE ITS ASSETS TO A PRIVATE ENTITY FOR UP TO ONE HUNDRED YEARS FOR ONE DOLLAR A YEAR BEING DEEMED NULL AND VOID.

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

SECTION 1. (A) An advisory referendum must be held at the same time as the 2018 General Election in Greenville County on the question of whether the qualified electors of the county favor the Greenville Health System being governed by a board of directors nominated and appointed by the Greenville County Legislative Delegation and whether the qualified electors of the county favor agreements by the Greenville Health System to lease its assets to a private entity for up to one hundred years for one dollar a year being deemed null and void. The advisory referendum for this purpose must be conducted by the Greenville County Board of Voter Registration and Elections. The county board of voter registration and elections shall conduct and supervise the advisory referendum in the same manner governed by the election laws of this State, mutatis mutandis. The board shall frame the question for the ballot, prepare the necessary ballots, appoint managers for the voting precincts, and do all things necessary to carry out the advisory referendum, including counting the ballots and declaring the results. The board shall advertise the date of the advisory referendum sixty days preceding it in a newspaper of general circulation in the county and shall publish a second notice thirty days before the advisory referendum. The cost of the advisory referendum must be paid by Greenville County.

(B) The questions put before the qualified electors of the county at the 2018 advisory referendum shall read as follows:

“Shall the Greenville Health System (GHS) be governed solely by a board of directors nominated and appointed by the Greenville County Legislative Delegation?

Yes 

No 

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘Yes’, and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘No’.”

“Shall any agreement by the Greenville Health System (GHS) to lease its assets to a private entity for up to one hundred years for one dollar a year be deemed null and void?

Yes 

No 

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘Yes’, and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘No’.”

SECTION 2. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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