**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT “THE PALMETTO RECREATION ACT”; TO AMEND SECTION 51-13-210, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SANTEE-COOPER COUNTIES PROMOTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO IMPROVE, ENLARGE, INCREASE, OR ENHANCE RECREATION IN THE AREA AROUND ANY PROPERTY OWNED BY SANTEE‑COOPER IN THIS STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 51‑13‑220, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP; TO AMEND SECTION 51‑13‑230, RELATING TO THE POWERS OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 51‑13‑240, RELATING TO THE FUNDS USED BY THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WHERE AN ACQUISITION OF LAND OR RIGHTS IN LAND OCCURS TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS TO THE COMMISSION.

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

SECTION 1. This act must be known and may be cited as the “Palmetto Recreation Act”.

SECTION 2. Sections 51‑13‑210 and 51-13-220 of the 1976 Code are amended to read:

“Section 51‑13‑210. There is hereby created the Santee‑Cooper Counties Promotion Commission which shall be a body corporate and politic, hereinafter referred to as the ‘Commission.’ The purpose of the commission shall be to institute and operate programs to improve, enlarge, increase and otherwise enhance recreation and development in the area around ~~the~~ property owned by Santee‑Cooper ~~Lakes in the counties of Berkeley, Calhoun, Clarendon, Orangeburg and Sumter~~ in this State.

Section 51‑13‑220. The commission shall be composed of four members from Berkeley County, two members from Orangeburg County, two members from Clarendon County, one member from Sumter County, and one member from Calhoun County, who shall be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the legislative delegations from the respective counties. Also, the Governor shall appoint three members from the State at large with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The president and chief executive officer of the South Carolina Public Service Authority shall be an ex officio member of the commission and may be represented by his nominee at any meetings which the president and chief executive officer is unable to attend in person.

The terms of office shall be for four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify.”

SECTION 3. Section 51‑13‑230(7) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(7) To institute and operate programs to improve, enlarge, increase and otherwise enhance recreation and development in the area around and in ~~the~~ property owned by Santee‑Cooper ~~Lakes in the counties of Berkeley, Calhoun, Clarendon, Orangeburg and Sumter~~ in this State.”

SECTION 4. Section 51‑13‑240 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 51‑13‑240. All funds used by the Commission to acquire lands and rights in land shall be provided by the county ~~governments comprising the area represented by the Commission~~ government where the acquisition of lands and rights in lands occurs.”

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

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