**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 2 OF THE 1976 CODE, BY ADDING SECTION 2‑1‑60, TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IF THAT PERSON HAS SERVED SIX TERMS IN THE SAME BODY, THAT NO PERSON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO THE SENATE IF THAT PERSON HAS SERVED THREE TERMS IN THE SAME BODY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY TERM SERVED, FOR WHICH THE ELECTION WAS HELD PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2019, SHALL NOT BE COUNTED AS A TERM SERVED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 2-3-20, RELATING TO THE COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEWLY ELECTED DURING 2018 OR LATER SHALL ANNUALLY RECEIVE AS COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICES FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND MILEAGE.

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

SECTION 1. A. Chapter 1, Title 2 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 2‑1‑60. (A) No person shall be eligible for election to the House of Representatives if that person has served six terms in the same body, regardless of the district represented.

(B) No person shall be eligible for election to the Senate if that person has served three terms in the same body, regardless of the district represented.

(C) For purposes of the number of terms served in the General Assembly, any term served, for which the election was held prior to January 1, 2019, shall not be counted as a term served.

(D) For purposes of this section, service in office for more than one half of a term shall be deemed service for a term.”

B. This SECTION takes effect upon ratification of an amendment to Section 7, Article III of the Constitution of this State authorizing the General Assembly to provide term limitations for its members by statute.

SECTION 2. A. Section 2-3-20 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 2-3-20. (A) Members of the General Assembly shall annually receive forty thousand dollars as compensation for their services ~~such sum as may be provided by law~~ and mileage at the rate provided for by law for the actual distance traveled in the most direct route going to and returning from their homes on weekend adjournments of the General Assembly at the place where the sessions of the General Assembly are held. The terms of this provision shall be subject to limitations imposed by the State Constitution.

(B) The President of the Senate, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House and the Speaker pro tempore of the House shall receive, in addition, such amounts as may annually appear in the State appropriation act.”

B. This SECTION takes effect upon ratification of an amendment to Section 19, Article III of the Constitution of this State authorizing the General Assembly to provide annual compensation for its members by statute.

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