**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 4‑9‑610, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, AND TERM OF COUNCIL MEMBERS IN COUNTIES THAT HAVE ADOPTED THE COUNCIL‑ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERMS OF THESE MEMBERS SHALL COMMENCE ON THE THIRD BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING THE CERTIFICATION OF THEIR ELECTION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4‑9‑610 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 4‑9‑610. The council in those counties adopting the council‑administrator form of government provided for in this article shall consist of not less than three nor more than twelve members who are qualified electors of the county. Council members ~~shall~~ must be elected in the general election for terms of two or four years commencing on the ~~first of January next following~~ third business day following the certification of their election.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor; however, the provisions of this act only shall apply to the terms of county council members who are elected after the act’s effective date.

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