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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3, ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE, SO AS TO ALLOW THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH TIME LIMITATIONS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE AFTER LIVING SEPARATE AND APART.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed that Section 3, Article XVII of the Constitution of this State be amended to read:

“Section 3. Divorces from the bonds of matrimony shall be allowed on the grounds of adultery, desertion, physical cruelty, habitual drunkenness, or continuous separation for a period of ~~at least one year~~ time as the General Assembly may provide by law ~~or habitual drunkenness~~.”

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for representatives. Ballots must be provided at the various voting precincts with the following words printed or written on the ballot:

“Must Section 3, Article XVII of the Constitution of this State be amended so as to allow the General Assembly to establish time limitations required to obtain a divorce after living separate and apart?

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’.”

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