**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 7‑15‑320, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A QUALIFIED ELECTOR MUST BE PERMITTED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT IN AN ELECTION IF THE QUALIFIED ELECTOR’S PLACE OF RESIDENCE OR POLLING PLACE IS LOCATED IN AN AREA SUBJECT TO A STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR AND THERE ARE FEWER THAN FORTY‑SIX DAYS REMAINING UNTIL THE DATE OF THE ELECTION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7‑15‑320 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately lettered subsection at the end to read:

“( ) A qualified elector must be permitted to vote by absentee ballot in an election if the qualified elector’s place of residence or polling place is located in an area subject to a state of emergency declared by the Governor and there are fewer than forty‑six days remaining until the date of the election.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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