**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 7‑13‑1820, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE MAXIMUM PERIOD OF TIME A VOTER MAY REMAIN IN THE VOTING BOOTH, SO AS TO INCREASE THIS PERIOD FROM THREE MINUTES TO FIVE MINUTES AS PROVIDED ELSEWHERE THROUGHOUT TITLE 7.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7‑13‑1820 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 7‑13‑1820. After the opening of the polls, the managers of election shall not permit any voter or other person to pass within the guard rail until they ascertain that he or she is entitled to vote, in the manner required by Section 7‑13‑710, as the case may be, and only one voter at a time for each voting machine at the voting place shall be permitted to pass within or be within the guard rail to vote. No voter shall remain within the voting machine booth longer than ~~three~~ five minutes, and if he shall refuse to leave it after the lapse of ~~three~~ five minutes, he may be removed by the managers.”

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

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