**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 4‑9‑30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CERTAIN POWERS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO REVISE THE FREEHOLDER PROCEDURE FOR THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4‑9‑30(5)(a)(ii) of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“(ii) When a petition is submitted to the county council signed by seventy‑five percent or more of the ~~resident~~ freeholders who own at least seventy‑five percent of the assessed valuation of real property in the proposed special tax district, the county council upon certification of the petition may pass an ordinance establishing the special tax district. For the purposes of this item, ‘freeholder’ has the same meaning as defined in Section 5‑3‑240. The petition must contain a designation of the boundaries of the proposed special tax district, the nature of the services to be rendered, and the maximum level of the taxes or user service charges, or both, authorized to be levied and collected.”

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

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