**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 7‑5‑10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY BOARDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN THE GOVERNOR REMOVES THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF A COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS DUE TO INCAPACITY, MISCONDUCT, OR NEGLECT OF DUTY, HE MAY APPOINT AN INTERIM COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS TO SERVE DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE FORMAL BOARD APPOINTMENT PROCESS, AND TO REQUIRE THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE INTERIM BOARD MUST BE A CHAIR OF ANOTHER COUNTY’S BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7‑5‑10(A) of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately numbered item to read:

“( ) When the Governor removes the entire membership of a county board of voter registration and elections pursuant to item (4), the Governor may appoint an interim board to serve during the pendency of the new board’s appointment pursuant to item (1). The interim board must be composed of not less than five nor more than nine chairs from other counties’ boards of voter registration and elections who must be selected and appointed by the Governor. The interim board shall cease to exist when the county legislative delegation, pursuant to item (1), has recommended to the Governor five competent and discreet persons of the county who are qualified electors of the county to serve as members of the board.”

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

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