**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO PROVIDE THAT A STATEWIDE ADVISORY REFERENDUM MUST BE CONDUCTED BY THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION AT THE SAME TIME AS THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHOULD SUBMIT A WAIVER REQUEST TO THE FEDERAL SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION PERMITTING AND APPROVING THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO OBSERVE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME YEAR ROUND.

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

SECTION 1. (A) A statewide advisory referendum must be conducted by the State Election Commission at the same time as the 2020 general election on the question of whether the Attorney General of South Carolina shall request a waiver from the United States Secretary of Transportation who, under 15 U.S.C. Section 260a(c), is charged with enforcing the provisions of 15 U.S.C. Section 260a in order to permit and approve South Carolina to observe daylight saving time year round. The state election laws shall apply to the referendum, with the appropriate changes being made. The State Board of Canvassers shall publish the results of the referendum and certify them to the Governor and each house of the General Assembly.

(B) Ballots must be provided to all qualified electors participating in the referendum with the following question printed on the ballot:

“Do you favor the Attorney General of South Carolina requesting a waiver from the United States Secretary of Transportation in order to permit and approve South Carolina to observe daylight saving time year round and no longer observe standard time?

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’.”

(C) The cost of the referendum must be paid from funds appropriated to the State Election Commission and the results of the referendum are advisory only.

SECTION 2. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑