**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 4‑3‑312 SO AS TO ALTER THE COUNTY LINES OF HORRY AND GEORGETOWN COUNTIES BY ANNEXING A CERTAIN PORTION OF GEORGETOWN TO HORRY COUNTY AND TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR LEGAL RECORDS.

Whereas, pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order No. 2019‑23, dated August 26, 2019, an election was held on November 5, 2019, in an affected area within Georgetown County, consisting of at least one hundred ninety‑nine parcels, whose owners erroneously believed their properties were located in Horry County; and

Whereas, the purpose of this election was to determine whether or not the qualified electors residing in that portion of Georgetown County below described wished to have such area annexed to Horry County; and

Whereas, in this election in Georgetown County more than two‑thirds of the votes cast were in favor of this annexation; and

Whereas, the constitutional and statutory requirements for this annexation have been complied with. Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 3, Title 4 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 4‑3‑312. (A) The following described portion of Georgetown County is transferred and annexed to Horry County:

‘All that certain piece, parcel, or tract of land consisting of 210.32 acres or 0.3286 square miles described as commencing at a point in the center or the Waccamaw River, being that point defined in Sections 4‑3‑270, 4‑3‑310, and 4‑3‑311, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, at Latitude 33° 34’ 22.623” N, Longitude 79° 06’ 03.848” W (North American Datum 1983), this being the same point positioned at Latitude N 33° 34’ 22.6126, Longitude W 79° 06’ 03.8429 (North American Datum 1983/2011) on the below referenced plat, and thence running along the Statutory Boundary for Georgetown and Horry counties N 89° 06’ 55” E for a distance of 4,165.38 feet to a calculated point labeled ‘B’, this being the Point of Beginning: From the Point of Beginning, a point labeled ‘B’ and thence running along a line through points labeled ‘B’ through ‘AR’ on the Proposed Boundary Line for Georgetown and Horry counties, ‘AR’ being on the Statutory Boundary of Georgetown and Horry counties thence turning and running S 89° 06’ 55” W for a distance of 23,067.40 feet along the Statutory Boundary of Georgetown and Horry counties to the calculated point labeled ‘B’, the Point of Beginning. Reference is made to this plat for a more complete and accurate description of the metes, bounds, and location of this property.’

(B) This tract measures and contains 210.32 acres of land or 0.3286 square miles, more or less, and is clearly shown on a ‘Plat of a Portion of Georgetown County Proposed to be Annexed to Horry County’, by South Carolina Geodetic Survey, AECOM, and Glenn Associates Surveying, Inc., dated January 9, 2019, and signed and sealed by David K. Ballard PLS#26946, Jason M. Forsberg PLS#28135, and Michael R. Mills PLS#11606 on January 17, 2019, and recorded with the Horry County Registrar of Deeds in Plat Book 287, Page 153.

(C) The proper proportion of the existing Georgetown County indebtedness of the area transferred is assumed by Horry County.”

SECTION 2. Upon application, the clerk of court, register of deeds, sheriff, and probate judge of Georgetown County shall furnish certified copies of any judgment roll, entry on abstract of judgment book, will, record, execution, decree, deed, mortgage, or other papers signed or recorded in the office of such officers, upon payment of proper fees and when a certified copy is filed or recorded in the proper office of Horry County, the same has the same force and effect in Horry County that it had in Georgetown County and any record not transferred continues in force and effect and each has the same force and effect in Horry County as if it had been transferred and made a record in the proper office of Horry County.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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