**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 22 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO MAGISTRATES, BY ADDING SECTION 22-1-45, TO PROVIDE THAT IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE SENATE TO APPEAR AS ATTORNEY AT LAW IN A MAGISTRATES COURT LOCATED IN A COUNTY REPRESENTED BY THE SENATOR.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 22 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 22-1-45. It shall be unlawful for a current member of the Senate to appear as attorney at law in a magistrates court located in a county represented by the Senator. The office of a Senator who violates the provisions of this section must be declared vacant.”

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

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