**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 2 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BY ADDING SECTION 2‑1‑60, TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IF THAT PERSON HAS SERVED SIX TERMS IN THE SAME BODY, THAT NO PERSON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO THE SENATE IF THAT PERSON HAS SERVED THREE TERMS IN THE SAME BODY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY TERM SERVED FOR WHICH THE ELECTION WAS HELD PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2020 SHALL NOT BE COUNTED AS A TERM SERVED.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 2 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 2‑1‑60. (A) No person shall be eligible for election to the House of Representatives if that person has served six terms in the same body, regardless of the district represented.

(B) No person shall be eligible for election to the Senate if that person has served three terms in the same body, regardless of the district represented.

(C) For the purposes of the number of terms served in the General Assembly, any term served for which the election was held prior to January 1, 2020 shall not be counted as a term served.

(D) For purposes of this section, service in office for more than one half of a term shall be deemed service for a term.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon ratification of an amendment to Section 7, Article III of the Constitution of this State authorizing the General Assembly to provide term limitations for its members by statute.

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