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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2‑7‑135 SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ONLY MAY RATIFY BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS WHEN NEITHER BODY IS IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 7, Title 2 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 2‑7‑135. To meet the requirements of Section 18, Article 3 of the Constitution of this State, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives only may sign a bill or joint resolution that has been read three times and on three several days in each house outside of the period commencing when each respective legislative body is called to order for the day and ending when each respective legislative body stands adjourned for the day.”

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

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