**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 55‑11‑320, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE RICHLAND‑LEXINGTON AIRPORT DISTRICT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE DISTRICT’S MEMBERSHIP BY TWO MEMBERS WHO MUST BE RESIDENTS OF CAYCE, WEST COLUMBIA, OR SPRINGDALE APPOINTED BY THE LEXINGTON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, TO ELIMINATE TWO APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL, AND TO REQUIRE THAT TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE RICHLAND COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION MUST BE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA.

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

SECTION 1. Section 55‑11‑320 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 55‑11‑320. The corporate powers and duties of the Richland‑Lexington Airport District must be exercised and performed by a commission to be known as Richland‑Lexington Airport Commission. The commission must be composed of ~~twelve~~ fourteen members. ~~Five~~ Seven members must be appointed by the Lexington County Legislative Delegation, two of which must be residents of Cayce, West Columbia, or Springdale. ~~five~~ Seven members must be appointed by the Richland County Legislative Delegation, ~~and two members must be appointed by the City Council~~ two of which must be residents of the City of Columbia. The members of the commission shall serve for terms of four years and until their successors are appointed. Members may not serve more than two consecutive terms. In the event of a vacancy for any reason, other than the expiration of a term, a successor must be appointed in the same manner of the original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term. Any member may be removed by the appointing authority for neglect of duty, misconduct, or malfeasance in office after being given a written statement of reasons and an opportunity to be heard. Notwithstanding the expiration of the term of office of any member, he shall continue to serve until his successor shall have been appointed, but any delay in appointing a successor shall not extend the term of the successor. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, except for their actual and necessary expenses while in performance of duties prescribed under this article.”

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

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