**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STUDY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY OF STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO ADDRESS RACIAL AND GENDER COMPOSITION ON STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

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

SECTION 1. (A) There is created the South Carolina Study Committee on Diversity of State Boards and Commissions to address racial and gender composition on state boards and commissions, to include college and university boards of trustees.

(B) The committee must be comprised of:

(1) one member appointed by the Governor;

(2) one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(3) one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives;

(4) one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

(5) one member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;

(6) one member of the Senate appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate; and

(7) one member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.

(C) The South Carolina Study Committee on Diversity of State Boards and Commissions will evaluate how the composition of state boards and commissions compares to the demographics of this State and examine any disparities in representation.

(D) The committee shall issue a report of its findings to the General Assembly by January 1, 2022, at which time the committee is dissolved.

(E) Administrative assistance, as needed, must be provided by the appropriate legislative committee staff.

SECTION 2. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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