**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 1‑1‑715, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ADOPTION OF THE UNITED STATES CENSUS, SO AS TO ADOPT THE UNITED STATES CENSUS OF 2020 AS OFFICIAL; BY ADDING SECTION 2‑1‑45 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ARE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 2‑1‑35 RELATING TO ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WERE FORMERLY ELECTED.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1‑1‑715 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 1‑1‑715. The United States Census of ~~2010~~ 2020 is adopted as the true and correct enumeration of the inhabitants of this State, and of the several counties, municipalities, and other political subdivisions of this State.”

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

“Section 2‑1‑45. Beginning with the 2022 general election, one representative of the House of Representatives must be elected from each of the following districts:

SECTION 3. Section 2‑1‑35 of the 1976 Code is repealed, provided that until the members of the House of Representatives elected in the 2022 general election from the districts enumerated in Section 2‑1‑45 qualify and take office, the districts now provided by law continue to apply for purposes of vacancies in office for members of the House of Representatives.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this Act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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