**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 10‑1‑220 SO AS TO PROHIBIT FLAGS AND BANNERS THAT INTEND TO PROMOTE A SOCIAL OR POLITICAL CAUSE FROM BEING FLOWN FROM PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 10 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 10‑1‑220. (A) Except where otherwise authorized by law, no flag or banner may be flown from buildings or property owned by the State or any political subdivision thereof, including school districts, that intends to promote a social or political cause. This prohibition does not apply to any flag or banner promoting the government of the United States, this State, any political subdivision of this State, or a school district, including any branch or department of any such government, such as the armed forces and law enforcement. This section does not prohibit a private individual from wearing as a part of his clothing or carrying or displaying any other flag or banner while in the building or on the property.

(B) If a county or municipality violates the provisions of this section, then the Treasurer shall withhold all disbursements from the Local Government Fund for that county or municipality for the remainder of the fiscal year and the following fiscal year.”

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

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