**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ACT 247 OF 1987, RELATING TO THE AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE CANDIDATES SEEKING ELECTION TO SUBMIT A STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY RATHER THAN SIGNED PETITIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2(C) of Act 247 of 1987 is amended to read:

“(C) The Aiken County ~~election commissioners~~ Board of Voter Registration and Elections shall conduct the election, canvass the vote, and certify the results. Managers in each precinct for the general election shall serve as managers of the board of education election. The laws of the general election shall apply except as otherwise specified in this section. The Aiken County ~~Election Commission~~ Board of Voter Registration and Elections shall list as a candidate any qualified resident elector upon ~~showing that fifty or more electors of the geographical area of the district for which an individual offers as a candidate have signed a request that his name be listed~~ the submission to the Aiken County Board of Voter Registration and Elections a statement of candidacy no later than twelve o’clock noon on August first, or if August first falls on a Saturday or Sunday, no later than twelve o’clock noon on the following Monday. Section 7‑13‑352 of the 1976 Code shall govern the process of nomination by statement of candidacy and verification of candidates’ qualifications for the elections established by this act. A ballot separate from general election ballots must be provided at each precinct where the election is held by the Aiken County ~~Election Commission~~ Board of Voter Registration and Elections.”

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

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