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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 4/19/2023 House Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** (House Journal‑page 23)

 4/26/2023 House Read second time (House Journal‑page 25)

 4/26/2023 House Roll call Yeas-109 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 26)

 4/27/2023 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal‑page 7)

 4/27/2023 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal‑page 5)

 4/27/2023 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** (Senate Journal‑page 5)

 4/8/2024 Senate Referred to Subcommittee: M.Johnson (ch), Sabb,
 Talley, Adams, Devine

 5/1/2024 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** (Senate Journal‑page 6)

 5/8/2024 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal‑page 97)

 5/8/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-44 Nays-0 (Senate Journal‑page 97)

 5/9/2024 Senate Read third time and enrolled (Senate Journal‑page 86)

 5/15/2024 Ratified R 205

 5/21/2024 Signed By Governor

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(A197, R205, H3313)

AN ACT to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by amending Section 30‑5‑10, relating to THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DUTIES OF A REGISTER OF DEEDS, so as to ADD FLORENCE COUNTY TO THE COUNTIES EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT THESE DUTIES BE PERFORMED BY THE CLERK OF COURT; and by amending Section 30‑5‑12, relating to THE APPOINTMENT OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES, so as to ADD FLORENCE COUNTY TO THE COUNTIES WHERE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY APPOINTS THE REGISTER OF DEEDS.

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

County exempt from requirement that clerk of court perform register of deeds duties

SECTION 1. Section 30‑5‑10(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 (A) In every county in the State other than Aiken, Anderson, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Cherokee, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Greenville, Horry, Jasper, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lexington, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Spartanburg, and Sumter the duties prescribed by law for the register of deeds must be performed by the clerk of court who has all the powers and emoluments given the register of deeds in Aiken, Anderson, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Cherokee, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Greenville, Horry, Jasper, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lexington, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Spartanburg, and Sumter counties.

County council authorized to appoint register of deeds

SECTION 2. Section 30‑5‑12(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 (A) The governing bodies of Anderson, Beaufort, Cherokee, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Jasper, Kershaw, Lancaster, Oconee, Orangeburg, and Pickens counties shall appoint the register of deeds for its county under terms and conditions as it may agree upon.

Time effective

SECTION 3. This act takes effect on January 1, 2025.

Ratified the 15th day of May, 2024.

Approved the 21st day of May, 2024.

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