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4/18/2023 House Referred to **Beaufort Delegation** ([House Journal‑page 126](h:\hj\20230418.docx))

5/16/2023 House Delegation report: Favorable **Beaufort Delegation** ([House Journal‑page 489](h:\hj\20230516.docx))

5/17/2023 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 9](h:\hj\20230517.docx))

5/17/2023 House Roll call Yeas-105 Nays-2 ([House Journal‑page 9](h:\hj\20230517.docx))

6/7/2023 House Read third time and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 43](h:\hj\20230607.docx))

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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(A93, R93, S335)

AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 596 OF 1969, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE HILTON HEAD NO. 1 PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE FOR SEVEN APPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF CANDIDATES IN 2024 AND 2026.

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

Hilton Head No. 1 Public Service District Commission redistricting and commissioner elections

SECTION 1. SECTION 3 of Act 596 of 1969, as last amended by Act 124 of 2003, is amended to read:

SECTION 3. (A) The district must be operated, managed, and governed by a commission to be known as “Hilton Head No. 1 Public Service District Commission”. The commission shall consist of seven residents of the district who must be qualified electors of the district.

(B) The commissioners shall be elected from seven election districts established by the commission and properly apportioned with the assistance of the appropriate state agencies. The commission is authorized to participate in redistricting as necessary to comply with state and federal laws.

(C) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2024, four commissioners, one from District Two, one from District Three, and two from District Four, as previously elected pursuant to Act 124 of 2003, shall be considered for election in accordance with the election districts established pursuant to subsection (B). On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2026, the three remaining commissioners, one from District One, one from District Two, and one from District Four, as previously elected pursuant to Act 124 of 2003, shall be considered for election in accordance with the election districts established pursuant to subsection (B). Candidates shall file a statement of intention of candidacy with the county board of elections and registration pursuant to Section 7‑13‑35 of the S.C. Code, as amended. Commissioners shall reside in and be elected by the qualified electors of their respective election districts established pursuant to subsection (B). Commissioners must be elected for terms of four years until their successors are elected and qualify.

(D) The Beaufort County Board of Elections and Registration shall conduct and supervise the elections for commissioners in the manner governed by the election laws of this State, mutatis mutandis. Vacancies must be filled in the manner provided in Section 7‑13‑190 of the S.C. Code.

Time effective

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

Ratified the 14th day of June, 2023.

Approved the 19th day of June, 2023.

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