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AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 535 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF THE SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SUMMERVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, SO AS TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTING FROM AT-LARGE TO SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS, TO DESIGNATE A MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, to change the candidate filing method, and TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR THE NEWLY DRAWN ELECTION DISTRICTS.

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

Board of trustees Summerville School District 2, districts

SECTION 1. Section 2(b) of Act 535 of 1982, as last amended by Act 445 of 2000, is further amended to read:

(b)(1) Notwithstanding another provision of law, the Board of Trustees of Summerville School District 2 must be governed by a seven‑member board of trustees. Beginning with the 2024 General Election, each of the seven members of the Summerville School District 2 Board of Trustees must be elected in nonpartisan elections to be conducted at the same time as the general election every two to four years thereafter, except as may be provided to stagger the members’ terms. The board members must be elected by the qualified electors of Summerville School District 2 from one of the seven defined single‑member districts as shown on the Summerville School District 2 map on file with the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office and designated as document S‑35‑02‑23. This map, unless subsequently amended by the General Assembly or a court of competent jurisdiction, must be used for school district elections beginning with the 2024 General Election and to fill any vacancies that occur following the 2024 school district elections. A board member representing a numbered district must be a resident of the school district and the numbered single‑member district from which he is elected, and only those electors residing in the particular district are eligible to vote for the trustee who will represent the district.

(2) Notwithstanding another provision of law, the seven incumbent members of the Board of Trustees of Summerville School District 2 holding office on June 30, 2024, shall serve until their successors are elected in the 2024 school district elections and qualify. These incumbent board members may seek election to the Board of Trustees of Summerville School District 2 in the 2024 school district elections.

(3) The members of the Board of Trustees of Summerville School District 2 must be elected to four‑year terms and until their successors are elected and qualify, except that of the seven board members elected in the 2024 school district elections, all members elected to even‑numbered districts shall serve initial two‑year terms to expire in November of 2026, when their successors are elected in the 2026 school district elections and qualify, and all members elected to odd‑numbered districts shall serve full four‑year terms and until their successors are elected in the 2028 school district elections and qualify.

(4) Vacancies on the board must be filled by appointment upon a majority vote of the members of the House of Representatives and a majority of the Senators representing Summerville School District 2 until the next general election, at which time a successor must be elected in the same manner provided in this act for the unexpired term or for a full term as the case may be.

(5) Any person who wishes to become a candidate for election to the Board of Trustees of Summerville School District 2 shall file a statement of intention of candidacy with the Dorchester County Board of Voter Registration and Elections as provided in Section 7-13-352.

(6) The results of the school district elections must be determined by the nonpartisan plurality method pursuant to Section 5-15-61.

(7) The demographic information for each of the seven single‑member districts shown on the Summerville School District 2 map is as follows:

District Pop. Dev. %Dev. Hisp. %Hisp.

1 20,949 192 0.92% 977 4.66%

2 21,561 804 3.87% 1,500 6.96%

3 19,856 ‑901 ‑4.34% 2,479 12.48%

4 20,762 5 0.02% 1,517 7.31%

5 21,296 539 2.60% 1,366 6.41%

6 20,187 ‑570 ‑2.75% 1,027 5.09%

7 20,689 ‑68 ‑0.33% 1,555 7.52%

Totals 145,300 10,421 7.17%

District NH White %NH White NH Blk. %NH Blk. VAP %VAP

1 14,818 70.73% 3,943 18.82% 15,211 72.61%

2 12,500 57.98% 5,774 26.78% 16,505 76.55%

3 9,744 49.07% 5,759 29.00% 14,246 71.75%

4 11,963 57.62% 5,570 26.83% 15,425 74.29%

5 14,447 67.84% 4,138 19.43% 16,204 76.09%

6 13,246 65.62% 4,695 23.26% 15,505 76.81%

7 14,091 68.11% 3,839 18.56% 14,937 72.20%

Totals 90,809 62.50% 33,718 23.21% 108,033

District HVAP %HVAP WVAP %WVAP BVAP %BVAP

1 595 3.91% 11,022 72.46% 2,799 18.40%

2 940 5.70% 10,100 61.19% 4,196 25.42%

3 1,589 11.15% 7,444 52.25% 3,883 27.26%

4 975 6.32% 9,455 61.30% 3,800 24.64%

5 810 5.00% 11,596 71.56% 2,872 17.72%

6 639 4.12% 10,666 68.79% 3,357 21.65%

7 928 6.21% 10,637 71.21% 2,525 16.90%

Totals 6,476 5.99% 70,920 65.65% 23,432 21.69%

District boundaries

SECTION 2. The exterior boundaries of Summerville School District 2 are not altered by the provisions of this act. These school district lines are as defined by law and any census blocks which may be divided are done so only for statistical purposes and to establish a population base.

Time effective

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 15th day of March, 2023.

Approved the 20th day of March, 2023.

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