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 1/9/2024 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal‑page 83)

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 3/6/2024 House Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** (House Journal‑page 7)

 3/20/2024 House Read second time (House Journal‑page 46)

 3/20/2024 House Roll call Yeas-109 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 46)

 3/21/2024 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal‑page 30)

 3/26/2024 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal‑page 7)

 3/26/2024 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** (Senate Journal‑page 7)

 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 12)

 5/8/2024 Senate Amended (Senate Journal‑page 143)

 5/8/2024 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal‑page 143)

 5/8/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-44 Nays-0 (Senate Journal‑page 143)

 5/9/2024 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal‑page 124)

 5/9/2024 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal‑page 105)

 5/9/2024 House Roll call Yeas-106 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 105)

 5/15/2024 Ratified R 214

 5/21/2024 Signed By Governor

 5/29/2024 Effective date 05/21/24

 5/29/2024 Act No. 201

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AN ACT TO amend the South Carolina Code of laws by adding section 6-11-345 so as to CLARIFY THE POWER OF SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS TO OWN, ACQUIRE, PURCHASE, HOLD, USE, LEASE, CONVEY, SELL, TRANSFER, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF PROPERTY IN FURTHERANCE OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS, TO PROVIDE THESE POWERS ARE IN ADDITION TO POWERS AND AUTHORIZATIONS PREVIOUSLY VESTED IN SUCH DISTRICTS, AND to DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY.

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

Powers of special purpose districts

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 11, Title 6 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 Section 6‑11‑345. A special purpose district may own, acquire, purchase, hold, use, lease, convey, sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of property, real, personal, or mixed, or any interest therein in furtherance of all functions committed to such special purpose districts pursuant to an act of the General Assembly or general law. The powers and authorizations conferred upon special purpose districts by this section shall be in addition to all other powers and authorizations previously vested in such special purpose districts. For the purposes of this section, “special purpose district” means any district, however named, created by or pursuant to an act of the General Assembly before March 7, 1973, and to which has been committed before March 7, 1973, any governmental function, including those districts created by special legislation and those districts created by referenda held pursuant to general legislation.

Sunset clause

SECTION 2. Unless the General Assembly amends, reenacts, or otherwise extends Section 6‑11‑345 in any manner before the passing of three years after the effective date of this act, the provisions of Section 6-11-345, as added by this act, are repealed June 30, 2027.

Time effective

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

Ratified the 15th day of May, 2024.

Approved the 21st day of May, 2024.

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