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(A236, R127, H4876)

AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 536 OF 1986, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF DORCHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4, SO AS TO CHANGE THE CANDIDATE FILING METHOD FROM THE PETITION METHOD TO THE FILING OF A STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY WITH THE DORCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS.

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

Candidate filing

SECTION 1. The first paragraph of SECTION 5 of Act 536 of 1986, as last amended by Act 445 of 2000, is further amended to read:

 The members of the board of trustees must be residents of the single-member district from which they are elected and must be elected as provided herein. Vacancies on the board must be filled at the next general election, or at a special election if the vacancy occurs more than one hundred eighty days before 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. If the vacancy occurs one hundred eighty days or less before the general election, the vacancy must be filled by appointment upon a majority vote of the members of the House of Representatives and a majority of the Senators representing District 4. All persons desiring to qualify as candidates and be elected to the board by the qualified electors 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.

Time effective

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

Ratified the 7th day of March, 2024.

Approved the 11th day of March, 2024.

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