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**AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 278 OF 1985, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE JASPER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE CANDIDATES SEEKING ELECTION TO SUBMIT A STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY RATHER THAN SIGNED PETITIONS.**

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

**Candidates for Jasper County Board of Education to submit statements of candidacy**

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Act 278 of 1985, as last amended by Act 476 of 1998 is further amended to read:

“Section 1. The central authority of Jasper County’s education system is the Jasper County Board of Education (board) which is, ex officio, the board of trustees of the Jasper County School District, and all powers and functions vested in school trustees by general or special enactment are vested in the board.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the board is composed of nine members whose terms shall be four years except that the initial term for Districts 2, 4, 6, and 8 shall be two years and four years thereafter. Each trustee must be a resident elector of the single-member district from which the trustee is elected as designated in Section 2 of this act. A vacancy must be filled by special election as provided in Section 7‑13‑190.

Notice of the election must be published by the Jasper County Board of Elections and Voter Registration in a newspaper of general circulation in the district which shall contain appropriate information concerning the election, such as the date of the election, the qualifications of a candidate for election, the method of securing a place on the ballot, all pertinent deadlines, and the authority to whom the candidate’s statement of candidacy must be submitted. The notice must be published no earlier than one hundred fifty days, and no later than one hundred twenty days, before the date of the election. The notice published pursuant to this act is additional to any general law requirements of notice of election pursuant to Title 7 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.

To have his name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the general election, a person shall submit to the Jasper County Board of Voter Registration and Elections a statement of candidacy no later than twelve o’clock noon on August first or, if August first falls on a Saturday or Sunday, no later than twelve o’clock noon on the following Monday. Section 7‑13‑352 of the 1976 Code shall govern the process of nomination by statement of candidacy and verification of candidates’ qualifications for election.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 25th day of September, 2020.

Approved the 28th day of September, 2020.

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