**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ACT 612 OF 1984, RELATING TO THE METHOD OF CONDUCTING ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF TRUSTEES IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY, TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS THAT MUST SIGN A PETITION FOR A PERSON TO PLACE HIS NAME AS AN AT‑LARGE CANDIDATE ON THE BALLOT AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEE CANDIDATE FROM A SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT IN ONE OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY’S SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY PLACE HIS NAME ON THE BALLOT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1(C) of Act 612 of 1984 is amended to read:

“(C)(1) To place the name of ~~a~~ an at‑large candidate on the ballot, qualified electors of the school district must file with the Spartanburg County Election Commission, not less than sixty days before the date of the election, a petition which must contain the names of qualified electors of a number equal to not less than ~~three hundred fifty~~ one hundred twenty qualified electors of the district or five percent of the total number of electors of the district, whichever is the lesser. In the event no petition is filed within the time limits specified, the ~~county~~ appropriate district board of ~~education~~ trustees must appoint a successor.

(2) To place the name of a candidate for a school district board of trustees from a single member district on the ballot, qualified electors of the single member district must file with the Spartanburg County Election Commission, not less than sixty days before the date of the election, a petition which must contain the names of the qualified electors of a number equal to not less than seventy‑five qualified electors of the single member district or five percent of the total number of electors of the single member district, whichever is the lesser. In the event no petition is filed within the time limits specified, the appropriate district board of trustees must appoint a successor.”

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

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