**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 1‑1‑715, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ADOPTION OF THE UNITED STATES CENSUS, SO AS TO ADOPT THE UNITED STATES CENSUS OF 2010 AS THE TRUE AND CORRECT ENUMERATION OF INHABITANTS OF THIS STATE; TO ADD SECTION 7‑19‑35, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SEVEN ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA ARE ELECTED COMMENCING WITH THE 2012 GENERAL ELECTION; TO REPEAL SECTION 7‑19‑40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS FROM WHICH SOUTH CAROLINA MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WERE FORMERLY ELECTED; AND TO JOINTLY DESIGNATE THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE SUBMITTING AUTHORITY TO MAKE THE REQUIRED SUBMISSION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE UNDER THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT.

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

Part I

United States Census

SECTION 1. Section 1‑1‑715 of the 1976 Code of Laws, as added by Section 2 of Act No. 55 of 2003, is amended to read:

“Section 1‑1‑715. The United States Census of ~~2000~~ 2010 is adopted as the true and correct enumeration of the inhabitants of this State, and of the several counties, municipalities, and other political subdivisions of this State.”

Part II

Congressional Districts Reapportionment

SECTION 2. The 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 7‑19‑35. The State is divided into seven congressional districts as follows:

SECTION 3. Section 7‑19‑40 of the 1976 Code is repealed effective with the 2012 general election.

SECTION 4. Upon the effective date of this act, the President Pro Tempore of the South Carolina Senate and the Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives are jointly designated as the appropriate officials of the submitting authority, who are responsible for obtaining preclearance of the revised election districts set forth in Section 7‑19‑35, as contained in SECTION 2 of this act in compliance with 42 U.S.C. 1973c.

Part III

Time Effective

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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