**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 2‑1‑70, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE ARE ELECTED COMMENCING WITH THE 2012 GENERAL ELECTION; TO REPEAL SECTION 2‑1‑75 RELATING TO ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE SENATE WERE FORMERLY ELECTED; AND TO DESIGNATE THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AS THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL OF THE SUBMITTING AUTHORITY TO MAKE THE REQUIRED SUBMISSION OF THE SENATE 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, 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

Senate Reapportionment

SECTION 2. The 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 2‑1‑70. Commencing with the 2012 general election, one member of the Senate must be elected from each of the following districts:

SECTION 3. Section 2‑1‑75 of the 1976 Code is repealed effective with the 2012 general election.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 is designated as the appropriate official of the submitting authority, who is responsible for obtaining preclearance of the revised election districts set forth in Section 2‑1‑70 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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