**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO ESTABLISH THE KERSHAW COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY; TO PROVIDE THAT POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE AUTHORITY ARE VESTED IN THE KERSHAW COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSION AND TO ESTABLISH TERMS FOR THE COMMISSIONERS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY’S FUNCTIONS, RIGHTS, POWERS, DUTIES, AND LIABILITIES; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SHALL REMAIN THE LOCAL HOUSING AGENCY IN KERSHAW COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM.

Whereas, unsanitary and unsafe inhabited dwelling accommodations exist in Kershaw County; and

Whereas, there is a shortage of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations in Kershaw County available to low income residents at rental rates they can afford; and

Whereas, there is a need for a housing authority in Kershaw County; and

Whereas, the organization of a housing authority in Kershaw County would be for a corporate and public purpose; and

Whereas, a housing authority in Kershaw County would benefit the residents of the county. Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. There is established in Kershaw County a public body corporate and politic to be known as the Kershaw County Housing Authority.

SECTION 2. (A) The powers and duties of the authority are vested in the Kershaw County Housing Authority Commission. The commission is composed of seven members appointed in the following manner:

(1) two members by the legislative delegation;

(2) two members by the county council;

(3) one member by the governing body of the City of Camden;

(4) one member by the governing body of the Town of Elgin; and

(5) one member by the governing body of the Town of Bethune.

(B) The initial term of the members appointed by the legislative delegation shall be one and five years, respectively. The initial term of the commissioners appointed by the county council shall be four and two years, respectively. The initial term of the members appointed by the governing bodies of the City of Camden, the Town of Elgin, and the Town of Bethune shall each be for three years. Thereafter, the term of each commissioner is five years. The chairman and vice chairman of the authority shall be annually elected by the membership.

(C) Members of the commission are limited to two terms. At the end of the second term, a commissioner must be out of office for at least one term before returning to the commission as a member.

SECTION 3. Except as otherwise provided in this joint resolution, the authority shall have all of the functions, rights, powers, duties, and liabilities for housing authorities in cities provided in Chapter 3, Title 31 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina and Chapter 11, Title 31 of the Code.

SECTION 4. Except as otherwise provided in this joint resolution, the provisions contained in Chapter 3, Tile 31 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina and Chapter 11, Title 31 of the Code apply to the authority in the same manner and to the same extent as they apply to housing authorities created in cities.

SECTION 5. The South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority shall remain the local housing agency in Kershaw County for the purpose of administering the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Housing Choice Voucher program.

SECTION 6. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑