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**A** **BILL**

TO REAPPORTION THE SPECIFIC ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 5 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2015 SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS, TO DESIGNATE A MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRUSTEES’ TERMS AND MANNER OF ELECTION.

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

SECTION 1. (A) Notwithstanding another provision of law, Spartanburg County School District 5 must be governed by a board of trustees of nine members, who must be elected as outlined in this section. A trustee must be a resident of the election district from which he is elected. Trustees must be elected for four‑year terms and until their successors are elected and qualify. School district elections must be held in odd-numbered calendar years, with four seats being contested during one election cycle and five being contested during the following cycle.

(B) Beginning with the school district elections in 2015, the election districts from which the nine members of the Spartanburg County School District 5 Board of Trustees must be elected are as shown on the Spartanburg County School District 5 map S‑83‑05‑15 as maintained by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.

(C) The demographic information shown on this map is as follows:

District Pop Dev. %Dev. NH\_WHT %NH\_WHT NH\_BLK %NH\_BLK

1 4,599 ‑53 ‑1.14% 1,600 34.79% 2,480 53.92%

2 9,259 ‑45 ‑0.48% 7,147 77.19% 1,424 15.38%

3 28,009 97 0.35% 22,749 81.22% 3,085 11.01%

Total 41,867 31,496 6,989

District VAP NHWVAP %NHWVAP NHBVAP %NHBVAP AllOth AllOthVAP

1 3,274 1,235 37.72% 1,753 53.54% 519 286

2 7,009 5,577 79.57% 997 14.22% 688 435

3 20,615 17,122 83.06% 2,105 10.21% 2,175 1,388

Total 30,898 23,934 4,855 3,382 2,109

(D) After the effective date of this act:

(1) Election District 1 for Spartanburg County School District 5 must be represented by a single trustee to be elected in the 2015 school district elections who is elected by the registered voters who reside within Election District 1;

(2) Election District 2 for Spartanburg County School District 5 must be represented by two trustees who are elected by the registered voters who reside within Election District 2. One of these trustees must be elected in the 2015 school district elections, and the second trustee must be elected in 2017 school district elections; and

(3) Election District 3 for Spartanburg County School District 5 must be represented by six trustees who are elected by the registered voters who reside in Election District 3. Two of these trustees must be elected in the 2015 school district elections, at which the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes, irrespective of whether the actual result constitutes a majority of those voting, must be declared elected. Four additional trustees must be elected in the 2017 school district elections, at which the four candidates receiving the highest number of votes, irrespective of whether the actual result constitutes a majority of those voting, must be declared elected.

SECTION 2. The Spartanburg County Board of Elections and Voter Registration shall conduct and supervise the elections for school district trustees in the manner governed by the election laws of this State, mutatis mutandis.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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