**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 7‑9‑80, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO COUNTY CONVENTIONS, SO AS TO CONFORM THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION TO ONE DELEGATE FOR EACH SIX THOUSAND RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY, PLUS TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7‑9‑80 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 7‑9‑80. Each county convention shall be called to order by the county chairman and shall proceed to elect a temporary president, a temporary secretary and a committee on credentials for the purpose of organizing. When organized, it shall elect a permanent president, a secretary and treasurer. It shall also elect the county chairman, the county ~~vice‑chairman~~ vice chairman and a member of the State committee from the county and ~~as many~~ delegates to the State convention ~~as triple the number of members from the county in the House of Representatives, plus one~~. Each county is entitled to one delegate for each six thousand residents of the county, according to the latest official United States Census, plus two additional members. If a county has a fractional portion of population of at least three thousand residents above its last six thousand resident figure, it is entitled to an additional delegate. But county conventions at their discretion may elect double the number of delegates in which case each delegate shall have one‑half vote. The secretary of the convention shall keep a record of the proceedings in the minute book.

All officers except delegates shall be reported to the clerk of court of the county and to the Secretary of State prior to the State convention. The reports shall be public record.”

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

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