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**A** **BILL**

TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTING THE SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE SUMMERVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES FROM AT-LARGE TO SINGLE‑MEMBER DISTRICTS; TO DESIGNATE A MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE SINGLE‑MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED; TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REGARDING THESE NEWLY DRAWN ELECTION DISTRICTS; AND TO ESTABLISH LIMITED FISCAL AUTONOMY FOR SUMMERVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 AND DORCHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4 BY PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX MILLAGE FOR SUMMERVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 AND DORCHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4 MUST BE DETERMINED.

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

SECTION 1. (A) Notwithstanding another provision of law or Section 1 of Act 445 of 2000, beginning with the school trustee elections in 2016, successors to the members of the governing body of the Summerville School District 2 Board of Trustees (more commonly referred to as Dorchester County School District 2) must be elected in the manner provided by law from one of the applicable single‑member election districts of the seven defined single‑member districts as delineated on the Summerville School District 2 map S‑35‑02‑16 as maintained in the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. A candidate for a numbered district seat must reside in the numbered single‑member district for which the candidate filed for election. The member must be elected by the qualified electors of the specifically numbered district of Summerville School District 2, with the winner determined by a plurality vote.

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

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

1 16,187 ‑851 ‑4.99% 11,465 70.83% 3,529 21.80%

2 17,612 574 3.37% 9,237 52.45% 6,088 34.57%

3 16,843 ‑195 ‑1.14% 12,904 76.61% 2,723 16.17%

4 16,811 ‑227 ‑1.33% 11,094 65.99% 4,360 25.94%

5 17,059 21 0.12% 12,521 73.40% 3,467 20.32%

6 17,422 384 2.25% 11,216 64.38% 4,065 23.33%

7 17,332 294 1.73% 12,661 73.05% 3,531 20.37%

Total 119,266 81,098 27,763

District VAP NHWVAP %NHWVAP NHBVAP %NHBVAP AllOth AllOthVAP

1 11,602 8,742 75.35% 2,139 18.44% 1,193 721

2 12,639 7,202 56.98% 3,888 30.76% 2,287 1,549

3 11,837 9,375 79.20% 1,748 14.77% 1,216 714

4 12,372 8,568 69.25% 2,926 23.65% 1,357 878

5 12,305 9,275 75.38% 2,372 19.28% 1,071 658

6 12,039 8,127 67.51% 2,581 21.44% 2,141 1,331

7 13,084 9,899 75.66% 2,440 18.65% 1,140 745

Total 85,878 61,188 18,094 10,405 6,596

SECTION 2. The Dorchester County Board of Voter Registration and Elections 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. Notwithstanding another provision of law, the map referenced in this act only establishes the boundaries of the seven defined single‑member election districts that compose Summerville School District 2. It does not alter the exterior boundaries of Summerville School District 2. The official map must not be changed except by an act of the General Assembly or by a court of competent jurisdiction.

SECTION 4. Within forty‑five days after the effective date of this act, the Summerville School District 2 Board of Trustees, at its own expense, shall initiate or cause to be initiated a comprehensive forensic audit of the district’s finances. This audit shall cover the five fiscal years preceding the effective date of this act, and upon its completion, copies of the audit’s findings and recommendations must be made available to the public and provided to the members of the Summerville School District 2 Board of Trustees, the Dorchester County Council, and the Dorchester County legislative delegation.

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

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