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 2/28/2017 Scrivener's error corrected

 3/2/2017 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 27](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20170302.docx))

 3/2/2017 Senate Roll call Ayes‑41 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 27](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20170302.docx))

 3/7/2017 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20170307.docx))

 3/7/2017 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 99](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20170307.docx))

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 3/1/2018 House Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 3](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20180301.docx))

 3/7/2018 House Rejected ([House Journal‑page 23](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20180307.docx))

 3/7/2018 House Roll call Yeas‑51 Nays‑54 ([House Journal‑page 23](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20180307.docx))

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 4/10/2018 House Roll call Yeas‑76 Nays‑30 ([House Journal‑page 19](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20180410.docx))

 4/11/2018 House Read third time and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 10](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20180411.docx))

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(A153, R162, S340)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1‑3‑230, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA’S POET LAUREATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE GOVERNOR WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES AND TO ESTABLISH TERMS OF OFFICE AND DUTIES.**

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

**Poet laureate appointment, term and duties**

SECTION 1. Section 1‑3‑230 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “Section 1‑3‑230. Upon the recommendation of qualified candidates by the South Carolina Arts Commission, the Governor shall name and appoint an outstanding and distinguished person of letters as poet laureate for the State of South Carolina for a term of four years and until a successor has been appointed and qualified. A poet laureate is eligible for reappointment one time. The poet laureate shall respond to requests of the Governor and participate in other relevant public programming.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 12th day of April, 2018.

Approved the 17th day of April, 2018.

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