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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED

April 6, 2021

**S. 401**

Introduced by Senators Gustafson, Hembree and Fanning

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Read the first time January 12, 2021.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 6-1-320 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE LIMITATION ON MILLAGE INCREASES, TO ALLOW THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY TO SUSPEND THE LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING A FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Section 6-1-320 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately lettered new subsection at the end to read:

“( ) Notwithstanding the limitation upon millage rate increases contained in subsection (A), the governing body of a county, by a positive majority vote, may adopt an ordinance or resolution to suspend the millage rate limitation for the purpose of supporting a fire protection district created pursuant to Chapter 19, Title 4, or Chapter 11, Title 6. However, the positive majority vote must occur no later than the second anniversary of the effective date of this subsection.”

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

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