**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 7‑19‑45 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS ARE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 7‑19‑35 RELATING TO ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS WERE FORMERLY ELECTED.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 19, Title 7 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 7‑19‑45. The State is divided into seven congressional districts as follows:

SECTION 2. Section 7‑19‑35 of the 1976 Code is repealed, provided that until the members of the congressional districts elected in the 2022 general election from the districts enumerated in Section 7‑19‑45 qualify and take office, the districts now provided by law continue to apply for purposes of vacancies in office for members of the congressional districts.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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