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2/11/2025 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 20](h:\sj\20250211.docx))

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2/12/2025 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 7](h:\sj\20250212.docx))

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2/26/2025 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 27](h:\hj\20250226.docx))

2/26/2025 House Roll call Yeas-110 Nays-0 ([House Journal‑page 28](h:\hj\20250226.docx))

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2/27/2025 Senate Concurred in House amendment and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 9](h:\sj\20250227.docx))

3/6/2025 Ratified R 2

3/7/2025 Signed By Governor

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(R2, S271)

A JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE PROVISION IN SECTION 58-3-20(C) THAT PROHIBITS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM HOLDING AN ELECTION UNTIL A FINAL DETERMINATION IS MADE BY THE COURTS REGARDING ITS REVIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS FOR calendar year 2025; and to suspend section 2-20-15 for elections by the general assembly for members of the public service commission during calendar yearS 2025 and 2026.

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

Suspends Section 58-3-20(C) for 2025

SECTION 1. The provision prohibiting the General Assembly from holding an election until a final determination is made by the courts regarding its review of congressional districts’ compliance with statutory or constitutional requirements of Section 58‑3‑20(C) of the S.C. Code is suspended for Calendar Year 2025.

Suspends Section 2-20-15 for Public Service Commission member elections for 2025 and 2026

SECTION 2. Section 2-20-15 of the S.C. Code shall not apply to elections for members of the Public Service Commission conducted by the General Assembly during Calendar Year 2025 and Calendar Year 2026.

Effective Date

SECTION 3. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 6th day of March, 2025.

Approved the 7th day of March, 2025. -- T.

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