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**A4, R14, S277**

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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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1/26/2011 Senate Committee report: Majority favorable, minority unfavorable **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 19](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2011\01-26-11.docx))

2/8/2011 Senate Special order, set for February 8, 2011 ([Senate Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2011\02-08-11.docx))

2/8/2011 Senate Roll call Ayes‑32 Nays‑7 ([Senate Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2011\02-08-11.docx))

2/9/2011 Senate Debate interrupted ([Senate Journal‑page 18](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2011\02-09-11.docx))

2/15/2011 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 21](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2011\02-15-11.docx))

2/15/2011 Senate Roll call Ayes‑32 Nays‑10 ([Senate Journal‑page 21](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2011\02-15-11.docx))

2/16/2011 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2011\02-16-11.docx))

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3/3/2011 House Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 6](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2011\03-03-11.docx))

3/9/2011 House Requests for debate‑Rep(s). Ott, Cobb‑Hunter, Sabb, Sellers, JH Neal, Govan, Crawford, Erickson, JE Smith, Williams, Jefferson, King, Knight, Daning, Crosby, RL Brown, Hosey, Clyburn, Alexander, GR Smith, Weeks, JR Smith, and Bedingfield ([House Journal‑page 23](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2011\03-09-11.docx))

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3/10/2011 House Roll call Yeas‑81 Nays‑24 ([House Journal‑page 52](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2011\03-10-11.docx))

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(A4, R14, S277)

**AN ACT TO RATIFY AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE, BY ADDING SECTION 12 TO GUARANTEE THE RIGHT OF AN INDIVIDUAL TO VOTE BY SECRET BALLOT FOR A DESIGNATION, A SELECTION, OR AN AUTHORIZATION FOR EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATION BY A LABOR ORGANIZATION.**

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

**Ratification of an amendment to Article II of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895**

SECTION 1. The amendment to Article II of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, prepared under the terms of Joint Resolution 295 of 2010, having been submitted to the qualified electors at the General Election of 2010 as prescribed in Section 1, Article XVI of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, and a favorable vote having been received on the amendment, is ratified and declared to be a part of the Constitution so that Section 12 as added to Article II reads:

“Section 12. The fundamental right of an individual to vote by secret ballot is guaranteed for a designation, a selection, or an authorization for employee representation by a labor organization.”

Ratified the 6th day of April, 2011.

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