**South Carolina General Assembly**

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Summary: Procedures for recalling and removing persons holding public offices

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XV OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, BY ADDING SECTION 4 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY LAW SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE RECALL OF STATE OR LOCAL POPULARLY ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS UPON PETITION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS EQUAL IN NUMBER TO TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE NUMBER OF PERSONS VOTING IN THE LAST PRECEDING ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OR AREA OF THE OFFICIAL SOUGHT TO BE RECALLED.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed that Article XV of the Constitution of this State be amended by adding at the end:

“Section 4. The General Assembly by law shall provide for the recall of state or local popularly elected public officials upon petition of the qualified electors equal in number to twenty-five percent of the number of persons voting in the last preceding election for the Office of Governor in the electoral district or area of the official sought to be recalled.”

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for representatives. Ballots must be provided at the various voting precincts with the following words printed or written on the ballot:

“Must Article XV of the Constitution of this State be amended by adding Section 4 so as to provide that the General Assembly by law shall provide for the recall of state or local popularly elected public officials upon petition of the qualified electors equal in number to twenty-five percent of the number of persons voting in the last preceding election for the Office of Governor in the electoral district or area of the official sought to be recalled?

Yes 

No 

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘Yes’, and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘No’.”

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