**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 11‑50‑50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE AUTHORITY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11‑50‑50 of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 171 of 2010, is amended to read:

“Section 11‑50‑50. The board of directors is the governing board of the authority. The board consists of seven voting directors appointed as follows:

(1) six members who reside in or represent all or some portion of the counties designated as distressed or least developed pursuant to Section 12‑6‑3360 for 2009; one appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, one appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, one appointed by the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and two appointed by the Governor. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 8-13-770, the members appointed pursuant to this item (1) by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee may be members of the General Assembly and, if so appointed, shall serve ex officio; and

(2) the Secretary of Commerce, ex officio, who shall serve as chairman.

~~Appointed~~ Members not serving ex officio shall serve for terms of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify except that of the members first appointed by the Speaker of the House, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and one of the members first appointed by the Governor, the member shall serve for a term of two years and the term must be noted on the appointment. Vacancies must be filled in the manner of original appointment for the unexpired portion of the term. Members shall serve without compensation, but are allowed mileage, subsistence, and per diem allowed by law for members of state boards, committees, and commissions.”

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

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