**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-510, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE HOUSE AND SENATE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY THE RULES OF THE RESPECTIVE BODIES, THE HOUSE AND SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES SHALL CONSIST OF TEN MEMBERS SELECTED BY THEIR PARTICULAR HOUSE, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE TERMS OF MEMBERS AND THE OFFICERS OF THESE COMMITTEES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8-13-510 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 248 of 1991, is further amended to read:

“Section 8-13-510. There is created a House of Representatives Legislative Ethics Committee and a Senate Legislative Ethics Committee. Unless otherwise provided by the rules of the respective bodies, each ethics committee is composed of ~~six~~ ten members. Terms are coterminous with the term for which members are elected to the House or Senate. Vacancies must be filled for the unexpired term in the manner of the original selection. The members of each ethics committee must be ~~elected~~ selected by the House or the Senate, as appropriate, in conformity with the rules of each house. ~~One member of each ethics committee must be elected as chairman by a majority of the members of the ethics committee~~ The officers of the ethics committee of each house and their selection also must be as provided for in the rules of that house.”

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

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