**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 57‑1‑380 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR GEOGRAPHICALLY PROPORTIONATE REPRESENTATION ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING ITS AFFILIATED AREA TRANSIT STUDY, WHOSE BOUNDARIES HAVE BEEN MODIFIED DUE TO THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU’S RECLASSIFICATION OF AN AREA FROM RURAL TO URBANIZED, AND TO PROVIDE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION FROM EACH COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY ADDED AS THE RESULT OF THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU’S RECLASSIFICATION DETERMINATION.

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

SECTION 1. Article 3, Chapter 1, Title 57 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 57‑1‑380. (A) Notwithstanding another provision of law, if the boundaries of a metropolitan planning organization (MPO), or that of its affiliated area transit study, are modified as a result of a United States Census Bureau reclassification of a geographic area from rural to urbanized (UZA), then the composition of the MPO’s executive committee must be amended so as to provide the citizens residing within the newly classified urbanized area with geographically proportionate representation on the MPO’s executive committee. Moreover, if the modified boundaries of an MPO, or that of its affiliated area transit study, contain unincorporated areas of a county or incorporated areas of a municipality not previously included within the MPO or affiliated transit study, then the composition of the MPO’s executive committee must be amended to provide a representative from each county or municipality be added as a result of the United States Census Bureau reclassification determination.

(B) The South Carolina Department of Transportation may not distribute state highway funds, state transit funds, or state funds from another source or description to a metropolitan planning organization, including its affiliated area transit study, or to its servicing regional council of government until the composition of the MPO’s executive committee has been adjusted pursuant to subsection (A).”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon signature of the Governor.

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