**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 4‑23‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF FIRE CONTROL FOR THE MURRELL’S INLET ‑ GARDEN CITY FIRE DISTRICT IN GEORGETOWN AND HORRY COUNTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THAT BOARD REPRESENTING GEORGETOWN COUNTY MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF A MAJORITY OF THE GEORGETOWN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 515 OF 1996 DEVOLVING THAT APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF GEORGETOWN COUNTY AND TO DELETE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4‑23‑20 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 4‑23‑20. After the creation of the Murrell’s Inlet‑Garden City Fire District, there is established a Board of Fire Control for the District to be composed of three members from Georgetown County who must be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of a majority of the Georgetown County legislative delegation notwithstanding the provisions of Act 515 of 1996 and three members from Horry County who ~~shall~~ must be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of a majority of the members of the Horry County legislative ~~delegations~~ delegation ~~from Georgetown and Horry Counties~~. ~~The original members of the Board shall be appointed as follows: Three shall be appointed for a term of two years and three shall be appointed for a term of four years.~~ The members of the board shall serve without pay and shall file annually a report with the governing bodies of Georgetown and Horry Counties not later than the first of November of each year, showing all activities and disbursements made by the board during the year. The board shall elect a chairman from its membership and such other officers as it ~~deems~~ considers necessary. The chairman shall not vote except in case of a tie.

If at least twenty percent of the qualified electors residing in the District petition the commissioners of election by the first of September of any general election year, the commissioners shall call an election to be held at the following general election for the purpose of electing a member to the board to succeed the member whose term ~~will expire~~ expires during ~~such~~ the year, for a four‑year term. Thereafter, members ~~shall~~ must be elected in each succeeding general election for terms of four years.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and first applies to members from Georgetown County on the Board of Fire Control of the Murrell’s Inlet ‑ Garden City Fire District whose terms expire on or after that date.

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