**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8‑13‑1361 SO AS TO REQUIRE A CANDIDATE TO OBTAIN WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY OFFICE BEFORE THE CANDIDATE MAY BE REIMBURSED FROM CAMPAIGN FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT THAT EXCEEDS FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR A BONA FIDE POLITICAL EXPENDITURE OR EXPENDITURES THAT WERE ORIGINALLY PAID FROM THE CANDIDATE’S PERSONAL FUNDS.

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

SECTION 1. Article 13, Chapter 13, Title 8 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 8‑13‑1361. (A) A candidate shall receive written approval from the appropriate supervisory office before the candidate may be reimbursed from campaign funds in an amount that exceeds five hundred dollars for a bona fide political expenditure or expenditures that were originally paid from the candidate’s personal funds.

(B) A candidate reimbursement that is preapproved pursuant to subsection (A) must be reported on the appropriate candidate or committee campaign disclosure report pursuant to Section 8‑13‑1360(A)(9).”

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

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