**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 4‑9‑32, SO AS TO REQUIRE COUNTY COUNCILS TO PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE AND APPROPRIATE MONIES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION OFFICE, TO REQUIRE THE APPROPRIATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL COUNTY BUDGET, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DELEGATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EMPLOYMENT, SUPERVISION, AND DISCHARGE OF ALL PERSONNEL EMPLOYED IN THE DELEGATION.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 9, Title 4 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 4‑9‑32. (A) Under all forms of county government except the board of commissioners form, upon the request by a member of the county legislative delegation, county councils shall provide office space and appropriations for the operation of the county legislative delegation office including compensation for staff personnel and necessary office supplies and equipment.

(B) The amount of the appropriations must be determined by the legislative delegation and included in the annual county budget by the county.

(C) The delegation is responsible for the employment, supervision, and discharge of all personnel employed in the delegation office.”

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

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