**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ACT 779 OF 1988, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS 55 AND 56, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SEVEN SINGLE‑MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 56 MUST BE ELECTED, TO DESIGNATE A MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE SINGLE‑MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2B of Act 779 of 1988, as last amended by Act 316 of 2010, is further amended to read:

“Section 2B. (A) One member of the Board of Trustees of School District 56 of Laurens County must reside in and be elected from each of the seven defined single‑member election districts by the electors within each election district as delineated in subsection (B) of this section.

(B)(1) Beginning ~~after the primary election conducted in 2010~~ with the 2016 school district elections, the seven defined single‑member election districts, from which each member of the Board of Trustees of Laurens County School District 56 must be elected by the qualified electors of that district~~, as revised by the change to the boundary line defining Laurens County School District 56 where it is contiguous with Laurens County School District 55,~~ are as shown on the official map designated as ~~S‑59‑56‑10~~ S‑59‑56‑15 prepared by and on file with the ~~Office of Research and Statistics of the State Budget and Control Board~~ Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. The ~~Office of Research and Statistics of the State Budget and Control Board must~~Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office shall provide a certified copy of the map to the school district and the Laurens County ~~Registration and Election Commission~~Board of Voter Registration and Elections. The official map must not be changed except by an act of the General Assembly or by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(2) The demographic information shown on this map is as follows:

District Pop Dev. %Dev. NH\_WHT %NH\_WHT NH\_BLK %NH\_BLK

1 2,994 34 1.15% 1,371 45.79% 1,514 50.57%

2 2,955 ‑5 ‑0.17% 1,046 35.40% 1,839 62.23%

3 2,952 ‑8 ‑0.27% 2,275 77.07% 556 18.83%

4 2,916 ‑44 ‑1.49% 2,444 83.81% 385 13.20%

5 2,928 ‑32 ‑1.08% 2,118 72.34% 684 23.36%

6 3,033 73 2.47% 2,501 82.46% 438 14.44%

7 2,948 ‑12 ‑0.41% 1,937 65.71% 877 29.75%

Total 20,726 13,692 6,293

District VAP NHWVAP %NHWVAP NHBVAP %NHBVAP AllOth AllOthVAP

1 2,223 1,125 50.61% 1,021 45.93% 109 77

2 2,238 806 36.01% 1,390 62.11% 70 42

3 2,285 1,797 78.64% 399 17.46% 121 89

4 2,517 2,131 84.66% 307 12.20% 87 79

5 2,210 1,641 74.25% 492 22.26% 126 77

6 2,358 1,965 83.33% 329 13.95% 94 64

7 2,357 1,625 68.94% 656 27.83% 134 76

Total 16,188 11,090 4,594 28.38% 741 504”

SECTION 2. The Laurens County Board of Voter Registration and Elections shall conduct and supervise the elections for school district trustees in the manner governed by the election laws of this State, mutatis mutandis.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding another provision of law, the map referenced in this act alters only the boundaries of the single‑member election districts that compose Laurens County School District 56. It does not alter the exterior boundaries of Laurens County School District 56.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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