**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 23-11-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE TIME FOR ELECTION OF SHERIFFS, TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY MAY HOLD A SHERIFF’S ELECTION EVERY FOUR YEARS DURING THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NON-PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEARS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE TIME FOR ELECTION OF CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICERS, TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY MAY HOLD A SHERIFF’S ELECTION EVERY FOUR YEARS DURING THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NON-PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEARS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 23-11-10 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 23-11-10. There shall be an election for sheriff held in each county at the general election in each presidential election year or at each alternate general election in non-presidential election years next preceding the expiration of the sheriff’s term of office.”

SECTION 2. Section 7-13-20 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 7-13-20. (A) There shall be a general election for county supervisors, county superintendents of education, sheriffs, coroners and clerks of the courts of common pleas held in each county at every alternate general election, reckoning from the year 1960, except in those counties in which the term of office of any such officers may be for a period other than four years. In such cases elections to fill such offices shall be held at the general election next preceding the expiration of any such term of office.

(B) In counties where the expiration of a sheriff’s term office does not coincide with the election schedule provided for in subsection (A), the election to fill the office of sheriff shall be held at the general election next preceding the expiration of the sheriff’s term of office.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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