**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑51‑30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE WILL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD BY ELIMINATING TWO EX OFFICIO SEATS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59‑51‑30 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 59‑51‑30. The Opportunity School is under the management and control of a board of ~~fourteen~~ twelve trustees, ~~twelve~~ all of whom must be elected by the General Assembly. The trustees so elected must be citizens of the State who are interested in the aims and ambitions of the school. ~~The thirteenth member is the State Superintendent of Education, who shall serve ex officio. The fourteenth member is the Governor who is a member of the board, ex officio.~~ Members of the board ~~who are elected by the General Assembly~~ shall serve for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualify. The board shall elect a chairman~~,~~ and a vice‑chairman~~, secretary, and treasurer~~. In case a vacancy occurs on the board ~~among the elected members~~ for any reason other than expiration of a term when the General Assembly is not in session, the Governor may fill it by appointment until the next session of the General Assembly, at which time a successor must be elected for the remainder of the unexpired term. Elections to fill vacancies which are caused for any reason other than expiration of a term may be held earlier than the first day of April of the year the vacancy is filled. A quorum of the board is seven members.”

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

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