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**A207, R235, S236**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

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Summary: Pooling precincts

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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12/9/2020 Senate Prefiled

12/9/2020 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary**

1/12/2021 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 230](file:///h:\sj\20210112.docx))

1/12/2021 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 230](file:///h:\sj\20210112.docx))

3/11/2021 Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Campsen (ch), Hutto, Young, McLeod, Garrett

3/24/2021 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\sj\20210324.docx))

3/30/2021 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\sj\20210330.docx))

3/31/2021 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 54](file:///h:\sj\20210331.docx))

3/31/2021 Senate Roll call Ayes‑44 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 54](file:///h:\sj\20210331.docx))

4/6/2021 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 47](file:///h:\sj\20210406.docx))

4/6/2021 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 125](file:///h:\hj\20210406.docx))

4/6/2021 House Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 125](file:///h:\hj\20210406.docx))

4/27/2022 House Recalled from Committee on **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 29](file:///h:\hj\20220427.docx))

5/3/2022 House Debate adjourned ([House Journal‑page 75](file:///h:\hj\20220503.docx))

5/4/2022 House Debate adjourned ([House Journal‑page 109](file:///h:\hj\20220504.docx))

5/5/2022 House Debate adjourned ([House Journal‑page 89](file:///h:\hj\20220505.docx))

5/10/2022 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 512](file:///h:\hj\20220510.docx))

5/10/2022 House Debate adjourned ([House Journal‑page 512](file:///h:\hj\20220510.docx))

5/11/2022 House Debate adjourned ([House Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\hj\20220511.docx))

5/11/2022 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 243](file:///h:\hj\20220511.docx))

5/11/2022 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 243](file:///h:\hj\20220511.docx))

5/11/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑108 Nays‑1 ([House Journal‑page 280](file:///h:\hj\20220511.docx))

5/12/2022 House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments ([House Journal‑page 6](file:///h:\hj\20220512.docx))

5/12/2022 Senate Non‑concurrence in House amendment ([Senate Journal‑page 48](file:///h:\sj\20220512.docx))

5/12/2022 House House recedes from amendment(s) ([House Journal‑page 123](file:///h:\hj\20220512.docx))

5/18/2022 Ratified R 235

5/23/2022 Signed By Governor

6/1/2022 Effective date 05/23/22

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(A207, R235, S236)

**AN ACT** **TO AMEND SECTION 7‑7‑1000, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO POOLING PRECINCTS IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT FOR PURPOSES OF MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS, ANY PRECINCT CONTAINING THREE THOUSAND OR MORE VOTERS SHALL HAVE ITS OWN POLLING PLACE, THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE MUNICIPAL POOLED PRECINCTS MAY NOT EXCEED THREE THOUSAND, AND THAT POOLED MUNICIPAL POLLING PLACES MUST NOT BE MORE THAN THREE MILES FROM THE NEAREST PART OF ANY POOLED PRECINCT.**

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

**Pooling precincts in municipal elections**

SECTION 1. Section 7‑7‑1000 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 7‑7‑1000. (A) For purposes of municipal general elections only, a municipality may pool one or more precincts with other precincts and have one voting place for all of these pooled precincts upon the following conditions:

(1) Any precinct which contains five hundred or more registered voters within the municipality must have its own voting place.

(2) The total number of registered voters within the municipality in each group of pooled precincts cannot exceed one thousand five hundred.

(3) The voting place of any precinct pooled with others cannot be more than three miles from the nearest part of any pooled precinct.

(4) The notice requirements of Section 7‑7‑15 must be complied with and in addition to this requirement, the location of voting places for all precincts including those pooled must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality on the day of the election. If the newspaper is not published daily, then on the date of publication nearest and prior to the date of election.

(5) Whenever precincts are pooled in a municipal general election, the voter registration lists, poll lists, and ballots for each precinct represented must be used by the managers of election. Results of the election must also be reported and certified by individual precinct.

(B) For purposes of municipal primary elections only, a municipality may pool one or more precincts with other precincts and have one voting place for all of these pooled precincts upon the following conditions:

(1) Any precinct which contains three thousand or more registered voters within the municipality must have its own voting place.

(2) The total number of registered voters within the municipality in each group of pooled precincts cannot exceed three thousand.

(3) The voting place of any precinct pooled with others cannot be more than three miles from the nearest part of any pooled precinct.

(4) The notice requirements of Section 7‑7‑15 must be complied with and in addition to this requirement, the location of voting places for all precincts including those pooled must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality on the day of the election. If the newspaper is not published daily, then on the date of publication nearest and prior to the date of election.

(5) Whenever precincts are pooled in a municipal primary election, the voter registration lists, poll lists, and ballots for each precinct represented must be used by the managers of election. Results of the election must also be reported and certified by individual precinct.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 18th day of May, 2022.

Approved the 23rd day of May, 2022.

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