**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ACT 515 OF 1996, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DEVOLUTION ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF GEORGETOWN COUNTY OF APPOINTMENT AND RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY OF VARIOUS GEORGETOWN COUNTY OFFICES FORMERLY HELD BY THE GEORGETOWN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, SO AS TO ADD CERTAIN OTHER BOARDS, COMMISSION, AND ENTITIES TO THE LIST OF THOSE WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO THE ABOVE PROVISIONS; AND TO AMEND ACT 197 OF 1999, ACT 141 OF 2001, ACT 437 OF 2002, AND ACT 200 OF 2005, ALL RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY OF SPECIFIED GEORGETOWN COUNTY ENTITIES, SO AS TO CONFORM THEM TO THE REVISED PROVISIONS OF ACT 515 OF 1996.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Act 515 of 1996, as last amended by Act 200 of 2005, is further amended to read:

“Section 1. (A)(1) Except for those instances exempted in subsection (B), in all cases where appointments to offices, boards, and commissions are made by or upon the recommendation of the House Delegation, the Senate Delegation, or the Joint Legislative Delegation of Georgetown County, or by any other member or combination of members of the General Assembly by reason of their representing all or a portion of Georgetown County, all ~~said~~ such appointments must be made by or upon the recommendation of a majority of the members of the governing body of Georgetown County if, and to the extent that, the governing body of Georgetown County by ordinance or resolution agrees to accept the responsibility and the authority for making those appointments and notifies the Code Commissioner and the Secretary of State of its acceptance. All appointments and recommendations must be made without regard to race, religion, color, sex, or national origin.

(2) The application of subsection (A) includes, but is not limited to:

Name Authority

(1) Forestry Board Section 48‑33‑50

(2) Veterans Affairs Section 25‑11‑40

(3) County Department of

Social Services Section 43‑3‑10

(4) ~~Vacant~~ Horry‑Georgetown

Commission for Technical

Education Section 59‑53‑810

(5) Department of Disabilities

and Special Needs Section 44‑20‑375

(6) Foster Care Review Board Section 20‑7‑2385

(7) Mental Health Center Board Section 44‑15‑60

(8) ~~Vacant~~ County Transportation

Committee Section 12‑28‑2740

(9) Economic Opportunity

Commission Section 4‑31‑330

(10) Georgetown Pilotage

Commission Section 54‑15‑10

(11) Murrell’s Inlet ‑

Garden City Fire District Act 876 of 1966

(12) ~~Vacant~~ Waccamaw Regional

Planning Council Section 6‑7‑110

(13) Georgetown County Board of

Elections and Registration Section 7‑27‑315

(B) The appointment of magistrates as provided in Section 22‑1‑10 and the appointment of members of the Georgetown Water and Sewer District as provided for in Act 733 of ~~1957~~ 1967 are unaffected by the provisions of this act.”

SECTION 2. As required and in the manner provided by Section 3 of Act 515 of 1996, the governing body of Georgetown County must accept the appointment authority regarding the four entities added to Section 1 of Act 515 of 1996 by the provisions of this act.

SECTION 3. (A) Section 2 of Act 197 of 1999 is deleted.

(B) Section 2 of Act 141 of 2001 is deleted.

(C) Section 2 of Act 437 of 2002 is deleted.

(D) Section 2 of Act 200 of 2005 is deleted.

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

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