**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 7‑17‑80, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ELECTION STATEMENTS AND RETURNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS MAY RECERTIFY ITS STATEMENT OF THE VOTES WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FOLLOWING AN ELECTION IF HUMAN ERROR IS SHOWN TO HAVE AFFECTED THE INITIALLY CERTIFIED STATEMENT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7-17-80 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 7-17-80. The boards of county canvassers shall make ~~such~~ statements of the votes of the precincts of each county as the nature of the election ~~shall require,~~ requires within ten days from their first meeting, and shall transmit to the Board of State Canvassers any protest and all papers relating to the election. A county board of canvassers may recertify its statement of the votes within thirty days following an election if human error is shown to have affected the initially certified statement.”

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

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