**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 13, TITLE 7 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS, BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-870 TO PROVIDE INTERNATIONAL ELECTION OBSERVERS ACCESS TO ALL STAGES OF THE ELECTION PROCESS.

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

SECTION 1. Article 7, Chapter 13, Title 7 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 7‑13‑870. (A) International election observers shall be allowed uniform and nondiscriminatory access to all stages of the election process, including the certification of election technologies, early voting, absentee voting, mail‑in voting, voter appeals, vote tabulation, and recounts.

(B) International election observers shall wear badges indicating their name and the name of their organization. Observers are prohibited from wearing campaign material advocating a candidate or position on questions appearing on the ballot. No international election observer may interfere with any voter in the preparation or casting of the voter’s ballot or prevent an election official from the performance of their duties.”

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

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