**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 7‑27‑240, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SERVE UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE APPOINTED AND CERTIFIED AND TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION ON MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SERVING MORE THAN TWO TERMS OR EIGHT CONSECUTIVE YEARS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7‑27‑240(A) of the 1976, as added by Act 312 of 2008, is amended to read:

“(A) There is created the Beaufort County Board of Elections and Registration. There are nine members of the board who must be appointed by the Governor, four of whom must be appointed upon the recommendation of the senators representing Beaufort County and the remaining upon the recommendation of a majority of the Beaufort County Legislative Delegation for terms of four years until their successors are appointed and ~~qualify~~ certified. Except ~~that of~~ for those first appointed, five must be appointed for initial terms of two years each, the initial terms of all members to be designated by the appointing authority. ~~A member of the board may not serve more than two consecutive four‑year terms or eight consecutive years, whichever is longer.~~”

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

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