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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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3/16/2017 Senate Introduced, read first time, placed on local & uncontested calendar ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\sj\20170316.docx))

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3/24/2017 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 1](file:///h:\sj\20170324.docx))

3/28/2017 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 11](file:///h:\hj\20170328.docx))

3/28/2017 House Referred to **Sumter Delegation** ([House Journal‑page 11](file:///h:\hj\20170328.docx))

5/4/2017 House Recalled from Committee on Sumter Delegation ([House Journal‑page 43](file:///h:\hj\20170504.docx))

5/9/2017 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 58](file:///h:\hj\20170509.docx))

5/9/2017 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 58](file:///h:\hj\20170509.docx))

5/9/2017 House Roll call Yeas‑100 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 59](file:///h:\hj\20170509.docx))

5/10/2017 House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments ([House Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\hj\20170510.docx))

5/11/2017 Senate House amendment amended ([Senate Journal‑page 147](file:///h:\sj\20170511.docx))

5/11/2017 Senate Returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 147](file:///h:\sj\20170511.docx))

5/11/2017 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 61](file:///h:\hj\20170511.docx))

5/11/2017 House Roll call Yeas‑81 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 62](file:///h:\hj\20170511.docx))

5/15/2017 Ratified R 86

5/19/2017 Vetoed by Governor

5/23/2017 Senate Veto overridden by originating body Ayes‑40 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 42](file:///h:\sj\20170523.docx))

6/6/2017 House Veto overridden Yeas‑101 Nays‑0

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(A106, R86, S562)

**AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 321 OF 2010, RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE SUMTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR TWO AT‑LARGE MEMBERS OF THE SUMTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE INITIAL APPOINTMENT AND SUBSEQUENT ELECTION OF AT‑LARGE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, TO ABOLISH THE AT‑LARGE SEATS FOLLOWING THE NEXT REAPPORTIONMENT AND TO ASSIGN THE FORMER AT‑LARGE SEATS TO NEWLY CREATED SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS, AND TO STAGGER THE TERMS OF THE AT‑LARGE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.**

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

**Sumter County School District, at‑large members added**

SECTION 1. Section 2(A) of Act 321 of 2010 is amended to read:

“Section 2. (A)(1) The school district must be governed by a board of trustees of nine members, one of whom must be elected from each district from which members of the Sumter County Council are elected and two members from the county at large. The members of the board must be elected in nonpartisan elections. A member of the board representing a district must be a resident of the school district and the election district from which he is elected.

(2)(a) The two at‑large members of the board shall initially be appointed to the board by the members of the Sumter County Legislative Delegation. The appointees shall serve on the board until the next scheduled nonpartisan school district election. Members appointed by the Sumter County Legislative Delegation are eligible for election.

(b)(1) Both at‑large members elected to the board in 2018 shall be elected to a term of four years. One at‑large seat shall be designated as School Board Seat 8, and one at‑large seat shall be designated as School Board Seat 9.

(2) Following the 2020 decennial census, two new single‑member districts shall be established, giving the Sumter County School District a total of nine single‑member districts. One of the new single‑member districts shall be designated as District 8, and the other new single member district shall be designated as District 9. A member shall be elected from each of the two new apportioned single‑member districts beginning with the first school district election following reapportionment. The at‑large seats on the school board are abolished when District 8 and District 9 become single‑member districts. Candidates seeking election from the two new single‑member districts must be residents of the school district and the election districts from which they are elected.

(3) The member elected in the first school district election following reapportionment from the new single‑member district whose district number corresponds to the at‑large seat number receiving the most votes in the 2018 election shall serve for a term of four years. The member elected in the first school district election following reapportionment from the other new single‑member district shall serve for a term of two years. Thereafter, the terms for members elected from District 8 and District 9 shall be four years.

(3) School board elections shall be nonpartisan and shall be conducted on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November every two years. Members of the board must be elected for four‑year terms and until their successors are elected and qualify. In the event of a vacancy on the board occurring for a reason other than expiration of a term, the board shall call a special election to fill the unexpired term, so long as the vacancy does not occur within one hundred eighty days of a regular trustee election. In this case, the vacancy must be filled for the unexpired term through appointment by the Governor. All members of the board shall serve until their successors are elected and qualify. The Sumter Registration and Election Commission shall conduct and supervise the elections for members of the board in the manner as for the election of the Sumter County Council, subject to the election laws of this State, mutatis mutandis. The commissioners shall prepare the necessary ballots, appoint managers for the voting precincts, and do all things necessary to carry out the elections, including the counting of ballots and declaring the results. The commission shall publish notices of the elections in the same manner provided in Section 7‑13‑35. The results of the elections must be determined by the nonpartisan plurality method as contained in Section 5‑15‑61. The members of the board elected in these nonpartisan elections shall take office one week following certification of their election as provided in Section 59‑19‑315.

(4) The members of the board shall elect a chairman and other officers they consider necessary to serve for terms of two years in these capacities.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 15th day of May, 2017.

Vetoed by the Governor -- 5/19/17.

Veto overridden by Senate -- 5/23/17.

Veto overridden by House -- 6/6/17.

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