**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL SHALL CONDUCT, OR CAUSE TO BE CONDUCTED BY A QUALIFIED OUTSIDE ENTITY, A FEASIBILITY STUDY CONCERNING THE MOST EFFICIENT AND COST‑EFFECTIVE MANNER IN WHICH TO PROVIDE CLEAN DRINKING WATER TO THE RESIDENTS OF ANY COMMUNITY IN THIS STATE WHICH HAS NO PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE TO PROVIDE CLEAN DRINKING WATER TO ITS RESIDENTS WITHOUT THE USE OF WELLS WITH THE POTENTIAL OF CONTAMINATION.

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

SECTION 1. The Department of Health and Environmental Control shall conduct, or cause to be conducted by a qualified outside entity, a feasibility study concerning the most efficient and cost‑effective manner in which to provide clean drinking water to the residents of any community in this State which has no public infrastructure to provide clean drinking water to its residents without the use of wells with the potential of contamination. The study must be completed by July 1, 2018, and shall include not only the most desirable solution for each community, but also the projected costs involved with that solution. The results of the study must be provided to the Governor, the presiding officers of both houses of the General Assembly, each member of the Legislative delegation of a county where a particular community is located, and each member of the governing body of a county where a particular community is located.

SECTION 2. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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