**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 1-3-230 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA’S POET LAUREATE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE GOVERNOR WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES AND TO ESTABLISH TERMS OF OFFICE AND DUTIES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1-3-230 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 1-3-230. Upon the recommendation of qualified candidates by the South Carolina Arts Commission, the ~~The~~ Governor ~~may~~ shall name and appoint ~~some~~ an outstanding and distinguished ~~man~~ person of letters as poet laureate for the State of South Carolina for a term of four years and until a successor has been appointed and qualified. A poet laureate is eligible for reappointment one time. The poet laureate shall respond to requests of the Governor and participate in other relevant public programming.”

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

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