**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2‑1‑185 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2018 REGULAR ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, EACH HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFTER THE FIRST WEEK SHALL MEET EACH WEEK IN STATEWIDE SESSION DURING THE REMAINDER OF ITS REGULAR AND ANY EXTENDED SESSION, ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY OF THAT WEEK AND IN LOCAL SESSION ON THURSDAY, UNLESS VARIED BY EITHER HOUSE PURSUANT TO ITS APPROPRIATE RULES OR BY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR EXCEPTIONS TO AND THE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROVISION.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 2 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 2‑1‑185. Beginning with the 2018 regular annual session of the General Assembly, which will convene on the second Tuesday in January, 2018, each house of the General Assembly, after the first week shall meet each week in statewide session during the remainder of its regular and any extended session, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of that week and in local session on Thursday, unless varied by either house pursuant to its appropriate rules or by concurrent resolution. Each house for all subsequent regular, extended, or special sessions of the General Assembly also must meet in the manner required by this section. The provisions of this section do not apply to either house during any week that house is on furlough or to the organizational sessions of either house.”

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

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