**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO PROVIDE THAT FOR THE 2018 GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION AND ELECTION CYCLE, THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURES, TO INCLUDE NECESSARY DEADLINES, BY WHICH A PERSON NOMINATED FOR THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR SELECTS A LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AS A JOINT‑TICKET RUNNING MATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 8, ARTICLE IV OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895.

Whereas, Joint Resolution 289 of 2012 proposed an amendment to Section 8, Article IV of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, relating to the election, qualifications, and term of the Lieutenant Governor, so as to provide that the Lieutenant Governor must be elected jointly with the Governor in a manner prescribed by law; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section 1, Article XVI of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, the proposed amendment was submitted to the qualified electors at the General Election of 2012; and

Whereas, a favorable vote having been received on the amendment at the General Election of 2012, the amendment was then ratified pursuant to Joint Resolution 214 of 2014 and declared to be a part of the Constitution. Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding another provision of law, for the 2018 Gubernatorial Election and election cycle, the State Election Commission shall establish the procedures, to include necessary deadlines, by which a person nominated for the office of Governor selects a Lieutenant Governor as a joint‑ticket running mate pursuant to Section 8, Article IV of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895. The provisions of this joint resolution apply only to the 2018 Gubernatorial Election.

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

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