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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 60‑11‑110, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REPLACE THE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WITH MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION AND MANNER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE STAGGERING OF BOARD MEMBERS’ TERMS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 60‑11‑110(B) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(B)(1) The South Carolina African American Heritage Commission ~~shall consist of fifteen members appointed to staggered terms by the South Carolina Commission of Archives and History~~ is comprised of fifteen members appointed by the Governor as follows:

(a) two members appointed based on recommendations by the President of Allen University;

(b) two members appointed based on recommendations by the President of Benedict College;

(c) two members appointed based on recommendations by the President Claflin University;

(d) two members appointed based on recommendations by the President of Clinton College;

(e) two members appointed based on recommendations by the President of Morris College;

(f) two members appointed based on recommendations by the President of South Carolina State University;

(g) two members appointed based on recommendations by Voorhees College; and

(h) one member appointed by the Governor at‑large.

(2) The members of the African American Heritage Commission shall represent all geographic regions of the State and must have a background in African American history, African American culture, or both. The ~~South Carolina Commission of Archives and History~~ African American Heritage Commission also may appoint other nonvoting members representing appropriate organizations.

(3) The members shall appoint one member to serve as chairman and may appoint additional officers as it considers necessary.

(4) The members serve two‑year terms, but to provide for the staggering of terms:

(a) one member each from item (1)(a) through (g) initially must be appointed to terms ending on July 1, 2024, and their successors shall thereafter serve two‑year terms; and

(b) one member each from item (1)(a) through (h) initially must be appointed to terms ending on July 1, 2023, and their successors shall thereafter serve two‑year terms; and

(5) Members shall serve until their successors are appointed. Vacancies are filled in the manner of appointment for the unexpired portion of the terms.

(6) The members may not receive per diem, but must be reimbursed for mileage and subsistence from the State Historic Preservation Grant Fund.”

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding another provision of law, the terms of the current members of the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission terminate thirty days after the effective date of this act, and at that time those members are removed from service and their positions, powers, and duties are transferred to and devolved upon the new commission members appointed pursuant to Section 59‑60‑110 as amended by SECTION 1 of this act. In making initial appointments to the commission, consideration must be given to people who have served on the commission. The new commission members shall meet within thirty days after their appointment to elect a chairman.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval of the Governor.

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