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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ACT 260 OF 1981, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SINGLE‑MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION, TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REGARDING THE REVISED ELECTION DISTRICTS, AND TO UPDATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE SINGLE‑MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED.

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

SECTION 1. SECTION 1 of Act 260 of 1981, as last amended by Act 104 of 2017 is amended to read:

“SECTION 1. (A) Notwithstanding another provision of law, the Public Educational System of Pickens County is directed and managed by the Board of Trustees of the School District of Pickens County. Beginning with the 2018 General Election, the board must be comprised of seven members, each of whom must be a qualified elector and each must reside in the single‑member district he represents. The lines defining the single‑member districts are as shown on an official map on file with the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office designated as document S‑77‑00‑17 and on file with the Pickens County GIS Mapping Department. This map must be used for the 2018 General Election and to fill any vacancies that occur following the 2018 General Election. Beginning with the 2022 General Election, the seven single‑member districts must conform to the latest United States Decennial Census and be approved by statewide legislation amending this section in order to become effective. Only those electors residing in the particular district are eligible to vote for the trustee who will represent the district. On the effective date of these provisions, the current trustees shall continue to serve until their four‑year terms expire and until their successors are elected and qualify. In the 2018 General Election, trustees will be elected for single‑member Districts 2, 4, 6, and 7. Each trustee residing in single‑member Districts 1, 3, and 5 shall continue to serve as the trustee for the single‑member district in which he resides until his term ends in 2020 and his successor is elected and qualifies or until his office is vacated, whichever occurs first.

(B) The electors of the Dellwood Subdivision of the City of Clemson, Anderson County, as shown in Plat Book 1920, page 150‑A, Plat Book 12, page 266, and Plat Book 14, page 31, filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Pickens County, shall be eligible to vote in the election of the member of the board of trustees for the nearest contiguous single‑member school district and shall be eligible to serve on the board for that district.

(C) All members of the board of trustees must be elected in a nonpartisan election at the time of the general election in the year in which their terms expire.

(D) Upon the termination of the term of each single‑member district trustee, his successor must be a qualified elector of the same district and must be elected in a nonpartisan election to be held at the same time as the general election preceding the expiration date by the qualified electors of the district for a term of four years and until his successor is elected and qualifies. If a single‑member district seat is vacated before the end of the term, the seat must be filled for the remainder of the term by special election conducted in the same manner. The board of trustees shall elect a chairman and such other officers as it considers necessary.

(E)(1) Notwithstanding another provision of law, beginning with the 2022 General Election, successors to the members of the governing body of the School District of Pickens County must be elected in the manner provided by law from one of the seven defined single‑member election districts as shown on the School District of Pickens County map S‑77‑00‑22 as maintained by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. Successors to those members whose terms expire in 2022 must be elected in the 2022 General Election, and the other members shall continue to serve until their current terms expire in 2024.

(2) The demographic information shown on the Pickens County School District map is as follows:

District Pop. Dev. % Dev. Hisp. %Hisp.

1 19,724 952 5.07% 934 4.74%

2 19,135 363 1.93% 952 4.98%

3 17,969 ‑803 ‑4.28% 481 2.68%

4 19,028 256 1.36% 949 4.99%

5 19,194 422 2.25% 1,395 7.27%

6 17,918 ‑854 ‑4.55% 1,344 7.50%

7 18,436 ‑336 ‑1.79% 517 2.80%

Totals 131,404 6,572 5.00%

District NHWhite %NHWhite NH DOJ Blk %NH DOJ Blk VAP %VAP

1 15,385 78.00% 1,778 9.01% 18,019 91.36%

2 14,479 75.67% 1,745 9.12% 15,887 83.03%

3 15,875 88.35% 766 4.26% 14,483 80.60%

4 16,176 85.01% 1,009 5.30% 14,816 77.86%

5 14,793 77.07% 2,260 11.77% 15,009 78.20%

6 13,882 77.48% 1,855 10.35% 14,183 79.16%

7 16,657 90.35% 451 2.45% 14,669 79.57%

Totals 107,247 81.62% 9,864 7.51% 107,066

%NH DOJ

District HVAP %HVAP NH WVAP %NH WVAP NH DOJ BVAP BVAP

1 806 4.47% 14,228 78.96% 1,574 8.74%

2 737 4.64% 12,134 76.38% 1,350 8.50%

3 299 2.06% 12,977 89.60% 570 3.94%

4 588 3.97% 12,827 86.58% 724 4.89%

5 886 5.90% 11,990 79.89% 1,583 10.55%

6 824 5.81% 11,385 80.27% 1,350 9.52%

7 311 2.12% 13,452 91.70% 270 1.84%

Totals 4,451 4.16% 88,993 83.12% 7,421 6.93%”

SECTION 2. The exterior boundaries of the School District of Pickens County are not altered by the provisions of this act. These school district lines are as defined by law and any census blocks which may be divided are done so only for statistical purposes and to establish a population base.

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

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