**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑3‑10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION SHALL BE ELECTED ON A NONPARTISAN BASIS.

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

SECTION 1. The first undesignated paragraph of Section 59‑3‑10 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 59‑3‑10. The State Superintendent of Education shall be elected at each general election ~~in the same manner as other State officers~~ on a nonpartisan basis and shall enter upon the duties of his office at the time prescribed by law. Before entering upon the duties of his office he shall give bond for the use of the State in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, with good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Governor, conditioned for the faithful and impartial performance of the duties of his office, and he shall also, at the time of giving bond, take and subscribe the oath prescribed in Section 26 of Article III of the Constitution of the State, which shall be endorsed upon the back of the bond. The bond shall be filed with the Secretary of State, and by him recorded and, when so recorded, shall be filed with the State Treasurer. The Superintendent of Education shall receive as compensation for his services such sum as the General Assembly shall by law provide, payable monthly out of the State Treasury, and his traveling expenses, not exceeding three hundred dollars, shall be paid out of the State Treasury upon duly itemized accounts rendered by him.”

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

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