**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ACT 104 OF 2021, RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF BAMBERG EHRHARDT SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE AND DENMARK OLAR SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO (THE TWO PRESENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS) INTO ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT KNOWN AS THE BAMBERG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE TWO PRESENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS’ BOARDS OF TRUSTEES IF THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE BAMBERG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESULT IN THE ABSENCE OF A QUORUM ON BOTH OF THE TWO PRESENT DISTRICTS’ BOARDS OF TRUSTEES.

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

SECTION 1. SECTION 7 (C) of Act 104 of 2021 is amended to read:

“(C)(1) After the effective date of this act, a member of one of the two present school districts’ governing boards may:

(a) be appointed to the Bamberg County School District Board of Trustees; or

(b) seek election to the Bamberg County School District Board of Trustees.

(2) If a member of one of the present boards is either appointed or elected to the Bamberg County School District Board of Trustees pursuant to item (1):

(a) prior to assuming his new duties on the consolidated school district board of trustees, he must first resign as a member of the present board; and

(b) ~~notwithstanding another provision of law~~ subject to item (3) below, the vacancy on the present board must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by appointment of the county legislative delegation.

(3) If the appointments to the Bamberg County School District Board of Trustees required under SECTION 2 of this act result in the absence of a quorum on both of the two present school districts’ boards of trustees, the terms of the remaining members of the boards of trustees of the two present school districts shall expire effective on the date of the appointments, and the responsibility and authority to manage the schools of the two present school districts shall rest with the appointed consolidated board of trustees.”

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

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