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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7‑13‑65 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR VOTING IF A POLLING PLACE EXPERIENCES A DELAY OR INTERRUPTION OF MORE THAN FIFTEEN MINUTES.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 13, Title 7 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 7‑13‑65. If at any polling place the opening of polls is delayed by more than fifteen minutes beyond the time specified in Section 7‑13‑25 for early voting or Section 70‑13‑60 for election day voting, or if voting at a polling place is interrupted for more than fifteen minutes after opening, then the county board of voter registration and elections must extend the closing time by a number of minutes equal to the duration of the delay or interruption.

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

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