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COMMITTEE REPORT
March 28, 2024

S. 916

Introduced by Senator Cromer

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THE NEWBERRY DELEGATION

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 916) to amend Section 1(C) of Act 485 of 1998, related to the Newberry County School District, so as to provide that all persons desiring to qualify as a candidate for, etc., respectfully

REPORT:

That they have duly and carefully considered the same, and recommend that the same do pass:

JOSEPH WHITE for the Delegation.

A BILL

TO AMEND SECTION 1(C) OF ACT 485 OF 1998, RELATED TO THE NEWBERRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL PERSONS DESIRING TO QUALIFY AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY WITH THE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION INSTEAD OF FILING A PETITION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:
SECTION 1. SECTION 1(C) of Act 485 of 1998 is amended to read:

(C) Each member of the board must be elected by the qualified electors of the single-member district from which he seeks election. All persons desiring to qualify as a candidate shall file a

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~~statement of intention of candidacy with the county election commission together with petition with the county election commission on forms furnished by the commission and shall pay a filing fee of one hundred dollars. The filing fee shall to be retained by the county election commission. This petition~~ The statement of intention of candidacy must be a sworn statement stating the candidate's name, age, election district in which he resides and from which he seeks election, voting precinct, period of residence in the county and election district, and other information as the county election commission requires. The petition must bear the signatures of not less than two percent of the qualified electors of the election district for which he offers as a candidate. The county election commission shall examine the petition and verify the signatures not less than thirty days before the election. The filing period opens on the first day of August at noon to run no later than September first at noon; however, if September first falls on a Sunday, not later than twelve o'clock noon on the following Monday. The county election commission shall set the filing date and place an advertisement to appear two weeks before the filing period begins in a newspaper in the county at least five by seven inches in size that notifies the public of the dates of the filing periods, the office that may be filed for, the place and street address where filings may be made, and the hours that an authorized person will be present to receive filings.

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

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