

## VETO 7

### **STUDY for CONFEDERATE RELIC ROOM RELOCATION**

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#### Background:

- In 2013, the Governor issued an Executive Order, directing the Dept. of Admin to conduct a Facilities Management Study, which included the Confederate Relic Room.
- The Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum was founded in 1896 and is the third oldest museum in the state, focusing on SC's military history from the Revolutionary War to the present.
- The museum was originally in the State House and then located to the War Memorial Building near USC before moving to the Columbia Mills Building in 2002 (State Museum).

#### Argument to Sustain the Veto:

- This proviso directs the Dept. of Admin to perform a study on the relocation of the Confederate Relic Room from Columbia to somewhere in the Charleston area.
- The Dept. of Administration has already conducted a Facilities Management Study, which included the Columbia Mills Building and the Relic Room. Any value-based movement of the relic room should be made pursuant to this study and not as a pet project.
- The purpose of this proviso is likely designed to accomplish the following goals:
  - To amend the deal struck last year to address the confederate flag display in South Carolina.
  - To co-locate the Relic Room with the Hunley in Charleston
- Let's also remember the important agreement that was made last year: The Senate, House, and Governor reached an agreement about where to move the Confederate Flag, and that agreement was to move the flag to the Confederate Relic Room in Columbia.
- We should not try to come back and change what was decided last year.
- For these reasons, we should sustain this veto.