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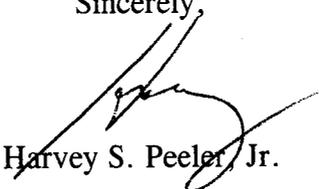
The Honorable Sean Bennett
South Carolina Senate
601 Gressette Building
Columbia, South Carolina 20201

Dear Senator Bennett:

As Majority Leader of the South Carolina Senate, I am pleased to appoint you to the Joint Voting System Research Committee, pursuant to Proviso 91.30, Act 91 of 2015. This term will expire upon the submission of the report, no later than January 30, 2016.

I appreciate your willingness to serve and am confident you will be a valuable asset to the committee. Senate Finance Committee staff will be in contact with you regarding a meeting schedule.

Sincerely,


Harvey S. Peeler, Jr.

cc: ~~The~~ Honorable Nikki R. Haley
The Honorable Hugh K. Leatherman
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The Honorable Mark Hammond
The Honorable Jeffrey S. Gossett
The Honorable Charles F. Reid

Voting System Research Committee

91.30. (LEG: Voting System Research Committee) There is created a joint legislative committee, entitled the "Joint Voting System Research Committee." This committee shall be comprised of ten members of the General Assembly, as follows:

- (1) the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or his designee;
- (2) the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee;
- (3) the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, or his designee;
- (4) the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, or his designee;
- (5) the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, or his designee;
- (6) the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, or his designee;
- (7) the Majority Leader of the Senate, or his designee;
- (8) the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives or his designee;
- (9) the Minority Leader of the Senate, or his designee; and
- (10) the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives or his designee.

In the event a designee is appointed they must be selected from the membership of the General Assembly.

The committee shall identify and evaluate current voting system technologies that meet the standards established by Title 7 of the 1976 Code. The committee shall issue a report which shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) an evaluation of each form of voting system technology considered by the committee, including costs, usability, reliability, accessibility, ability to conduct random audits of election results, and security matters related to each, as well as any possible solutions to address any concerns raised;

(2) consideration of best practices established by the United States Election Assistance Commission; and

(3) an analysis as to which technology should be implemented in South Carolina. This analysis shall include costs to acquire and fully implement the recommended technology for a statewide uniform voting system. The analysis must include proposed milestones and success measures for implementation.

The report shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee no later than January 30, 2016, after which the committee shall be dissolved.

Staff for the joint committee shall be provided by the Senate Finance Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Judiciary Committee, and the House Judiciary Committee. Members of the study committee shall serve without compensation for per diem, mileage, and subsistence.