

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL S37 RELATING TO MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATES

Adopted April 20, 2026

Be it resolved by the SCGOP 5th Congressional District Executive Committee:

WHEREAS, Spartanburg County, as a part of the SCGOP 5th Congressional District, has conducted 82 distinct elections in the last 10 years, averaging 8.2 elections per year, we the SCGOP 5th Congressional District submits this resolution to support Senate Bill S37, with the following change to Chapter 15, Title 5 of the S. C. Code.

WHEREAS, each distinct election costs the taxpayers additional expense, and voter apathy with excessive elections S37 sets two distinct dates for municipal elections. This will provide for the opportunity to fill empty elected seats every six months while saving taxpayer money and easing voter apathy which results in low voter turnout as evidenced by a 6 percent voter turnout for a special election held on December 23, 2025.

WHEREAS, all computer systems have the potential to be hacked, we request that Section 10 – Section 7-15-420 subsection D be amended to read: (D) Beginning no earlier than 7:00 a.m. on election day, the absentee ballots may be tabulated, and the tabulated data collected from those ballots and from the ballots cast during the early voting period may be loaded into the election management system no earlier than 6 p.m. on election day.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the SCGOP 5th Congressional District Executive Committee urges the South Carolina Legislature and the Governor of South Carolina pass Senate Bill S37 with the above-mentioned amendment to codify that all municipal elections be held two times a year at six-month intervals.