

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHARLESTON COUNTY ORDINANCE 821(AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS AND TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE DISABILITIES BOARD OF CHARLESTON COUNTY TO THE CHARLESTON COUNTY BOARD OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, IN CONFORMANCE WITH STATE LAW.

Section 1.0 Purpose of Amendment, Findings

WHEREAS, on July 18, 1991, as amended May 17, 1994, Charleston County Council adopted ordinance 821, codified as Section 11-131 et seq. of the Code of Ordinances of Charleston County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority granted by SC Code Section 44-20-375 et seq., this ordinance established the Charleston County Disabilities Board (the "Board"), prescribed the number of board members, and its powers, duties, responsibilities and functions; and

WHEREAS, since its creation, the programs of the Board have grown immeasurably, and its budget has grown two hundred times larger; and

WHEREAS, currently, 1862 persons in Charleston County are served by the programs of the Board; and

WHEREAS, recognizing this significant growth in programs and services, the current Board adopted a resolution requesting that the size of the Board be increased to accommodate the necessary legal, fiscal and oversight responsibilities incumbent upon the members, to fulfill their fiduciary responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, to follow a change in language in state enabling legislation, it is also timely to further amend Ordinance 821 to modify the name of the Board;

NOW THEREFORE, in reaffirmation of the critical mission of the Disabilities Board of Charleston County and in appreciation for the service of its volunteer board members, it is hereby ordained by Charleston County Council, as follows:

Section 2.0 Text Change

1. Charleston County Code Section 11-134(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The board shall be composed of 17 resident electors."

The rest of this subsection shall remain unchanged.