



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE Jan. 31, 2008

H.4578, Reps. Harrison, Hagood, Talley, W.D. Smith and G.R. Smith, is a joint resolution proposing an amendment to Article VIII of the Constitution of South Carolina, by adding Section 19 to authorize the General Assembly, by special or local law, to abolish a Special or Public Service District and transfer its assets and liabilities to an assuming service provider.

The proposed amendment must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for representatives. Ballots must be provided at the various voting precincts with the following words printed or written on the ballot:

"Must Article VIII of the Constitution of this State be amended by adding Section 19 so as to authorize the General Assembly by local or special law to abolish a special or public service district and transfer its assets and liabilities to an assuming service provider?"

Yes

No

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word 'Yes', and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word 'No'."

S.977, is a bill introduced by Senator Mike Fair, Greenville Co., that will allow an SPD that provides recreational services to voluntarily dissolve itself and transfer its assets and liabilities to a county if accepted by resolution of its governing body. By request of the SPD Association, the bill was carried over by a Senate Subcommittee to develop language that would be specific to The Greenville County Recreation District and Greenville County. SPD's are opposed to this legislation for the following reasons:

- 1. This legislation will not let the Citizens of the district decide the fate of their district.**
- 2. The bill is easily amendable and sets a horrible precedent.**
- 3. There are already established methods for SPD's to dissolve themselves, why can't those methods of dissolution be used?**