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The Honorable Robert W. Harrell Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

I am vetoing and returning without my approval H. 4164, R-162.

This veto is based on my belief that this bill is unconstitutional. H. 4164, R-162, proposes to abolish the Hampton County Board of Voter Registration and the Hampton County Election Commission and create the Hampton County Board of Elections and Registration. As such, this legislation affects only Hampton County and is, therefore, clearly an act for a specific county.

Such acts are in violation of Article VIII, Section 7, of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, which provides that "[n]o laws for a specific county shall be enacted." Acts similar to H. 4164, R-162, have been struck down by the South Carolina Supreme Court as violative of Article VIII, Section 7.

For this reason, I am vetoing and returning H. 4164, R-162, to you without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Mark Sanford".

Mark Sanford