

(R12, H1055)

**No. 8****An Act To Create The Greenville County Mental Retardation Commission.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina :

**SECTION 1. Greenville County Mental Retardation Commission created.**—There is hereby created the Greenville County Mental Retardation Commission to be composed of five members who shall be residents of the county appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Greenville County Council. The terms of office shall be for four years and until successors are appointed and qualify; *provided*, that initial appointments shall be as follows: two for terms of four years, two for terms of three years, and one for a term of two years. All vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term only. The members of the commission shall elect one of its members as chairman. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

**SECTION 2. Powers and duties.**—The commission shall:

(1) be a body corporate in deed and in law with all the powers incident to corporations;

(2) conduct a continuing study of the county's needs in mental retardation planning and programming and propose adequate means and priority in meeting these needs;

(3) in its discretion, accept grants from the Federal and State governments and gifts of any kind from any other source, including grants or transfers of any property now or hereafter owned or controlled by Greenville County;

(4) confer and cooperate with the State Department of Mental Retardation in the implementation of programs within the county;

(5) be recognized as the official governmental mental retardation agency within the county and shall report annually to the Greenville County Council concerning activities in which the commission has engaged.

**SECTION 3. Time effective.**—This act shall take effect upon approval by the Governor.

Approved the 29th day of January, 1971.