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S 0124 General Bill, By Sheheen

Summary: Presidential preference primaries

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-20, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION CONDUCT PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARIES FOR CERTIFIED POLITICAL PARTIES WHICH RECEIVED AT LEAST FIVE PERCENT OF THE POPULAR VOTE IN SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE PARTY'S CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, EXCEPT WHEN A STATE COMMITTEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY DECIDES TO HOLD A PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 7-11-25, AND IF MORE THAN ONE STATE COMMITTEE DECIDES TO HOLD A PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY, THE COMMITTEES MUTUALLY SHALL SET A SINGLE DATE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY, THAT HAS A FILING DEADLINE NO LATER THAN SEVENTY-FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY DATE, TO BE AGREED UPON BY JANUARY FIRST OF THE YEAR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IS TO BE HELD AND SUBMITTED TO THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, AND IF THE STATE COMMITTEES ARE NOT ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE DATE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY, THEN THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY MUST BE HELD AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 7-13-40.

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