

## Session 125 - (2023-2024)

**H 3473 General Bill, By B. Newton, Sandifer, W. Newton, Herbkersman, Erickson, Bradley, Pope, Forrest, M.M. Smith, Lowe, Hewitt, Thayer, Murphy, Gagnon, Hixon, Bustos, West, Crawford, Guest, Hiott, C. Mitchell, Yow, Davis, Leber, Ligon, Hyde, McGinnis, Bailey, Hardee, Gatch and B.J. Cox**

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**Summary:** Political parties and primaries

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 7-9-80 AND 7-9-100, RELATING TO THE COUNTY AND STATE CONVENTIONS OF A POLITICAL PARTY, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO CHANGE THE FORMULA FOR DETERMINING HOW MANY DELEGATES EACH COUNTY MAY ELECT TO THE STATE CONVENTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-15, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN AS A CANDIDATE IN GENERAL ELECTIONS; SO AS TO SHORTEN THE CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD, TO REQUIRE ALL CANDIDATES FROM EACH POLITICAL PARTY IN THIS STATE TO PAY A FILING FEE, AND TO AUTHORIZE POLITICAL PARTIES TO CHARGE A CERTIFICATION FEE TO ALL CANDIDATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-210, RELATING TO THE FILING OF PARTY PLEDGES BY CANDIDATES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DATE BY WHICH A PARTY PLEDGE MUST BE FILED; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-17-560, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY TO HEAR CERTAIN PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ALSO HEAR PROTESTS AND CONTESTS IN THE CASE OF COUNTY OFFICERS, LESS THAN COUNTY OFFICERS, AND MUNICIPAL OFFICERS, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE THE FILING OF ANY PROTEST OR CONTEST TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A BOND WITH SURETY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR APPEALS FROM DECISIONS BY THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-17-570, RELATING TO HEARINGS OF PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO EXTEND THE TIME IN WHICH THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MUST CONDUCT SUCH HEARINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-80, RELATING TO MUNICIPAL PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH PROTESTS AND CONTESTS ARE TO BE FILED, HEARD, AND DECIDED IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 7-17-560 AND 7-17-570; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 7-17-520, 7-17-530, 7-17-540, 7-17-550, 7-17-580, AND 7-17-590 ALL RELATING TO PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICES.

12/08/22	House	Prefiled
12/08/22	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary
01/10/23		Scrivener's error corrected
01/10/23	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 180)
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01/24/23	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Sandifer, W.Newton, Herbkersman, Erickson, Bradley, Pope, Forrest
01/25/23	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: M.M.Smith, Lowe, Hewitt, Thayer, Murphy, Gagnon, Hixon, Bustos, West, Crawford, Landing, Guest, Hiott
01/31/23	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: C.Mitchell, Yow
02/08/23	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Davis, Leber
02/09/23	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Ligon
02/15/23	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hyde, McGinnis, Hardee, Bailey, Gatch
02/28/23	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: B.J.Cox
03/15/23	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Landing