

## Session 112 - (1997-1998)

### S 0302 General Bill, By Cork

#### *Similar (S 0392)*

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-55, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IN CASES WHERE A PERSON RECEIVES SUFFICIENT WRITE-IN VOTES TO WIN AN ELECTION IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE CODE, THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE NEXT HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES MUST BE DECLARED THE WINNER; TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-210, RELATING TO NOTICE OF CANDIDACY AND PLEDGE, SO AS TO REQUIRE A CANDIDATE TO AFFIRM THAT, AS PART OF THE PLEDGE, IF THE CANDIDATE IS DEFEATED IN A PRIMARY OR ENSUING RUN-OFF, THAT CANDIDATE IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO SERVE IN THAT OFFICE AS THE RESULT OF WRITE-IN VOTES; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-360, RELATING TO THE PLACE ON A BALLOT FOR WRITE-IN NAMES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON DEFEATED IN A PRIMARY OR RUN-OFF IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE IN THAT OFFICE AS A RESULT OF WRITE-IN VOTES, AND TO FURTHER REQUIRE THAT THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION PRINT AND DISTRIBUTE NOTICES CONTAINING THIS INFORMATION TO BE DISPLAYED IN EACH POLLING PRECINCT ON ELECTION DAY; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-1380, RELATING TO WRITE-IN VOTES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON DEFEATED IN A PRIMARY OR RUN-OFF IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE IN THAT OFFICE AS A RESULT OF WRITE-IN VOTES, AND TO FURTHER REQUIRE THAT THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION PRINT AND DISTRIBUTE NOTICES CONTAINING THIS INFORMATION TO BE DISPLAYED IN EACH POLLING PRECINCT ON ELECTION DAY; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-1850, RELATING TO WRITE-IN BALLOTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON DEFEATED IN A PRIMARY OR RUN-OFF IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE IN THAT OFFICE AS A RESULT OF WRITE-IN VOTES; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-200, RELATING TO THE FURNISHING OF ELECTION MATERIALS TO PERSONS REQUESTING ABSENTEE BALLOTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE INSTRUCTIONS MUST INCLUDE A STATEMENT THAT NO PERSON DEFEATED IN A PRIMARY OR ENSUING RUN-OFF IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE IN THAT OFFICE AS A RESULT OF WRITE-IN VOTES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-400, RELATING TO SPECIAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE BALLOTS BE ACCOMPANIED BY INSTRUCTIONS WHICH STATE THAT NO PERSON DEFEATED IN A PRIMARY OR RUN-OFF IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE IN THAT OFFICE AS A RESULT OF WRITE-IN VOTES.

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