

Session 114 - (2001-2002)

H 3052 General Bill, By W.D. Smith, Harrison, Whatley and Cotty

**Summary:** Judicial Merit Selection Commission, to publicize judicial vacancies in newspapers; Courts, General Assembly, Elections

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-20, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION ANNOUNCING AND PUBLICIZING JUDICIAL VACANCIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION, IN TIMELY FASHION, MUST SEND A NEWS RELEASE TO EACH NEWSPAPER OF DAILY CIRCULATION IN THE STATE THAT CONTAINS THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES, THE DATE, PLACE, AND TIME OF JUDICIAL SCREENING HEARINGS, AND ALSO CONTAINS A STATEMENT ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC INPUT IN THE SCREENING PROCESS, AND TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO REQUEST OF EACH NEWSPAPER THAT THE NEWS RELEASE BE PUBLISHED ON AT LEAST ONE-HALF OF ONE NEWSPAPER PAGE, AND TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO SEND THE NEWS RELEASE TO APPLICABLE BAR ORGANIZATIONS.

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