

## Session 124 - (2021-2022)

**H 3822 General Bill, By Cobb-Hunter, Brawley, King, Henegan, Wheeler, Matthews, Clyburn, Howard, Rivers, S. Williams, Tedder, K.O. Johnson, Jefferson, R. Williams, Garvin, McDaniel, Henderson-Myers and J.L. Johnson**  
*Similar (S 0310, H 3207, H 3268, H 3519, H 4036)*

### Summary: Voting

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-145 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS QUALIFIED TO REGISTER TO VOTE MAY REGISTER IN PERSON AND THEN IMMEDIATELY VOTE AT AN IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING LOCATION IN THE PERSON'S COUNTY OF RESIDENCE DURING THE PERIOD FOR IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS ACT, AND TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR SAME DAY REGISTRATION AND VOTING AT IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING LOCATIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-200 SO AS TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING ELECTIONS BY MAIL OR BY DEPOSIT IN A SECURE LOCATION DESIGNATED FOR DEPOSITING BALLOTS; BY ADDING SECTION 7-15-325 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THIS STATE MAY VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT WITHOUT BEING REQUIRED TO PROVIDE AN EXCUSE, JUSTIFICATION, OR REASON, AND TO ESTABLISH A THIRTY-DAY PERIOD DURING WHICH ALL QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THIS STATE MUST BE ALLOWED TO CAST AN IN-PERSON ABSENTEE BALLOT; BY ADDING SECTION 7-15-425 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE BY WHICH A VOTER MAY CURE CERTAIN ABSENTEE BALLOT DEFICIENCIES; BY ADDING SECTION 7-15-427 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN ABSENTEE BALLOT MUST BE COUNTED IF IT IS POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE THE DAY OF THE ELECTION AND IS DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESS SPECIFIED BY THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION OR COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS NOT LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE LAST BUSINESS DAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE COUNTY CANVASS; BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-185 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SHALL PROVIDE AN INMATE CERTAIN INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO THE RESTORATION OF HIS VOTING RIGHTS ONCE HE IS RELEASED FROM THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-980 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES SHALL INFORM A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR AN OFFENSE AGAINST THE ELECTION LAWS AND HAS SERVED THE SENTENCE IMPOSED FOR THE CONVICTION, INCLUDING PROBATION AND PAROLE TIME UNLESS SOONER PARDONED, THAT HE IS ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER TO VOTE; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-710, RELATING TO ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED OF A PERSON WHEN HE PRESENTS HIMSELF TO VOTE, SO AS TO INCLUDE A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IDENTIFICATION CARD CONTAINING A PHOTOGRAPH AS ANOTHER FORM OF IDENTIFICATION AUTHORIZED TO BE ACCEPTED; TO AMEND SECTIONS 7-15-220, RELATING TO SIGNING AND WITNESSING THE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICANT'S OATH, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICANT'S OATH BE WITNESSED; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-340, RELATING TO THE FORM OF AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION, SO AS TO ELIMINATE REFERENCES TO THE REASON FOR THE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION REQUEST; TO AMEND SECTIONS 7-15-380, 7-15-385, AND 7-15-420, ALL RELATING TO ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND THE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICANT'S OATH, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICANT'S OATH BE WITNESSED; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 7-15-320 RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT.

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