

## Session 120 - (2013-2014)

**H 3945 General Bill, By G.M. Smith, Harrell, Lucas, Bannister, Toole, Stringer, Hamilton, Sottile, Barfield, Bingham, Spires, Hardwick, Owens, Hiott, Long, Erickson, Murphy, Horne, Willis, Gagnon, Simrill, Funderburk, Henderson and W.J. McLeod**

***Similar (H 3772)***

**Summary:** Commission on Ethics Enforcement and Disclosure

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON ETHICS ENFORCEMENT AND DISCLOSURE, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS POWERS, DUTIES, PROCEDURES, AND JURISDICTION, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 RELATING TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 RELATING TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-100, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO ETHICS, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CAMPAIGN REFORM, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-700, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO USE OF AN OFFICIAL POSITION OR OFFICE FOR FINANCIAL GAIN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DETERMINES THAT HE HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, HE MUST COMPLY WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS BEFORE ABSTAINING FROM ALL VOTES ON THE MATTER, AND TO PROVIDE FOR WHEN A PUBLIC OFFICIAL WHO IS REQUIRED TO RECUSE HIMSELF FROM A MATTER MUST DO SO; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-740, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REPRESENTATION OF ANOTHER PERSON BY A PUBLIC OFFICIAL BEFORE A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, SO AS TO FURTHER DELINEATE WHAT IS CONSIDERED A CONTESTED CASE WHEN REPRESENTATION BY A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS PERMITTED; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-745, RELATING TO PAID REPRESENTATION OF CLIENTS AND CONTRACTING BY A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR AN ASSOCIATE IN PARTICULAR SITUATIONS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROHIBITION AGAINST CERTAIN CONTRACTS WITH AN ENTITY FUNDED WITH GENERAL FUNDS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1120, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THESE CONTENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1300, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO CAMPAIGN PRACTICES, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1318, RELATING TO ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO RETIRE CAMPAIGN DEBTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ANY SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE ONLY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1338, RELATING TO PERSONS WHO MAY NOT SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE HEAD OF ANY STATE AGENCY WHO IS SELECTED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OR AN APPOINTED OR ELECTED BOARD; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1340, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS BY ONE CANDIDATE TO ANOTHER OR THROUGH COMMITTEES CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE, SO AS TO DELETE AN EXCEPTION FOR A COMMITTEE CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE IF IT IS THE ONLY SUCH COMMITTEE, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-1510 AND 8-13-1520, BOTH AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR ETHICAL AND OTHER VIOLATIONS, AND BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1530 SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS AND FOR WHERE CERTAIN WILFUL VIOLATIONS MUST BE TRIED; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 8-13-710 AND 8-13-715 RELATING TO REPORTING OF PARTICULAR GIFTS AND AUTHORIZED REIMBURSEMENTS FOR SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS.

**04/11/13 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 70)**

**04/11/13 House Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 70)**

**04/18/13 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Toole, Stringer, Hamilton, Sottile, Barfield, Bingham, Spires, Hardwick, Burns, Brannon, Owens, Hiott, R.L.Brown, Branham, Allison, Forrester, Long, Erickson, Murphy, Horne, Willis, Gagnon, Simrill, Funderburk**

**04/18/13 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 10)**

**04/19/13 Scrivener's error corrected**

**04/23/13 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Henderson**

**04/24/13 House Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Branham, Brannon**

04/24/13	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). Delleney, Lucas, Simrill, Ballentine, Norman, Felder, Atwater, Spires, HA Crawford, Robinson-Simpson, Dilliard, Hamilton, Hardwick, Clemmons, Goldfinch, GR Smith, Bedingfield, VS Moss, Loftis, Nanney, Hardee, Owens, Gilliard, Brannon, Ryhal, Burns, DC Moss, Chumly, Toole, Tallon, Allison, Wood, Forrester, Branham, Hosey, Skelton, Hiott, Neal, Douglas, Ridgeway, Newton, Cobb-Hunter, Bernstein, Mitchell, Williams, Jefferson, JE Smith, Hart, Munnerlyn, McEachern, Sandifer, Murphy (House Journal-page 69)
04/25/13	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: R.L.Brown
04/30/13	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Allison, Forrester, Burns
04/30/13	House	Amended (House Journal-page 107)
04/30/13	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 107)
04/30/13	House	Roll call Yeas-113 Nays-7 (House Journal-page 179)
05/01/13	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 150)
05/01/13	House	Roll call Yeas-101 Nays-5 (House Journal-page 151)
05/02/13	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 18)
05/02/13	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 18)
05/02/13	Senate	Referred to Subcommittee: Rankin (ch), Hutto, Malloy, Campsen, Massey
05/13/13	Senate	Committee report: Majority favorable with amend., minority unfavorable Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 7)
05/29/13	Senate	Motion For Special Order Failed (Senate Journal-page 54)
05/29/13	Senate	Roll call Ayes-24 Nays-20 (Senate Journal-page 54)
05/30/13	Senate	Special order, set for May 30, 2013 (Senate Journal-page 43)
05/30/13	Senate	Roll call Ayes-31 Nays-14 (Senate Journal-page 43)
06/04/13	Senate	Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 146)
06/05/13	Senate	Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 86)
01/22/14	Senate	Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 10)
01/23/14	Senate	Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 15)
02/04/14	Senate	Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 25)
02/05/14	Senate	Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 35)
02/06/14	Senate	Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 28)
02/20/14	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 40)
02/20/14	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 40)
02/20/14	Senate	Roll call Ayes-37 Nays-3 (Senate Journal-page 40)
02/26/14	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 43)
02/26/14	Senate	Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 43)
02/27/14	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 42)
02/27/14	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 42)
02/27/14	Senate	Roll call Ayes-33 Nays-2 (Senate Journal-page 42)
03/03/14		Scrivener's error corrected
03/19/14	House	Debate adjourned until Thur., 3-20-14 (House Journal-page 16)
03/20/14	House	Debate adjourned until Tues., 3-25-14 (House Journal-page 26)
03/25/14	House	Debate adjourned until Wed., 3-26-14 (House Journal-page 35)
03/26/14	House	Committed to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 59)
05/07/14	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 3)
05/08/14	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: W.J.McLeod
05/14/14	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). Delleney, Norman, Hixon, Cole, Tallon, Brannon, VS Moss, Robinson-Simpson, Hardee, Hosey, Anderson, Douglas, McEachern, Mitchell, King, McCoy (House Journal-page 17)
05/21/14	House	Amended (House Journal-page 16)
05/21/14	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 65)
05/21/14	House	Roll call Yeas-114 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 68)
05/21/14	House	Reconsidered (House Journal-page 95)
05/21/14	House	Amended (House Journal-page 97)
05/21/14	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 97)

05/21/14	House	Roll call Yeas-110 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 101)
05/22/14	House	Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal-page 30)
05/27/14	Senate	Non-concurrence in House amendment (Senate Journal-page 45)
05/27/14	Senate	Roll call Ayes-2 Nays-39 (Senate Journal-page 45)
05/28/14	House	House insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Reps. Delleney, Bannister, Weeks (House Journal-page 34)
05/28/14	Senate	Conference committee appointed Hayes, Rankin, Hutto (Senate Journal-page 34)
06/05/14	House	Conference report received and adopted (House Journal-page 33)
06/05/14	House	Roll call Yeas-101 Nays-12 (House Journal-page 72)