

## Session 115 - (2003-2004)

### **S\*0591 (Rat #0097, Act #0055 of 2003) General Bill, By McConnell and Moore**

**Summary:** Senate reapportionment plan

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-75, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE ARE ELECTED COMMENCING WITH THE 2004 GENERAL ELECTION; TO ADOPT THE UNITED STATES CENSUS OF 2000; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 1-1-730 AND 2-1-65, RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE UNITED STATES CENSUS OF 1990 AND THE ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE SENATE WERE FORMERLY ELECTED; TO DESIGNATE THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AS THE SUBMITTING AUTHORITY TO MAKE THE REQUIRED SUBMISSION OF THE SENATE REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE UNDER THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY VACANCIES FILLED PRIOR TO THE 2004 GENERAL ELECTION BE FROM THE SENATE DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL THREE-JUDGE PANEL'S INTERIM ORDER; TO PROVIDE THAT, IF THIS ACT IS INVALIDATED BY A COURT DECISION OR OBJECTED TO BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ELECTIONS IN 2004 SHALL BE FROM THE DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL THREE-JUDGE PANEL'S INTERIM ORDER; BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-45 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ARE ELECTED COMMENCING IN THE 2004 GENERAL ELECTION; TO REPEAL SECTION 2-1-25 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WERE FORMERLY ELECTED; TO DESIGNATE THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS THE SUBMITTING AUTHORITY TO MAKE THE REQUIRED SUBMISSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE UNDER THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY VACANCIES FILLED BEFORE THE 2004 GENERAL ELECTION BE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL THREE-JUDGE PANEL'S INTERIM ORDER; AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF ANY PART OF SECTION 2-1-45 IS DETERMINED TO BE NULL AND VOID EITHER BY A FAILURE TO RECEIVE PRECLEARANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OR BY ANY COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, SECTION 2-1-45 IS REPEALED, ALL PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2-1-45 BEING DECLARED TO BE NONSEVERABLE FROM THE OTHER. - ratified title

<b>04/15/03</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time SJ-44</b>
<b>04/15/03</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-44</b>
<b>04/24/03</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Polled out of committee Judiciary SJ-37</b>
<b>04/24/03</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee report: Majority favorable, minority unfavorable Judiciary SJ-37</b>
<b>04/25/03</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected</b>
<b>04/29/03</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Debate interrupted SJ-76</b>
<b>04/30/03</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Amended SJ-36</b>
<b>04/30/03</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read second time SJ-36</b>
<b>04/30/03</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Unanimous consent for third reading on Friday, May 2 SJ-114</b>
<b>05/02/03</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read third time and sent to House SJ-1</b>
<b>05/06/03</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time HJ-15</b>
<b>05/06/03</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-16</b>
<b>05/22/03</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary HJ-5</b>
<b>05/27/03</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Amended HJ-23</b>
<b>05/27/03</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Debate interrupted HJ-331</b>
<b>05/27/03</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read second time HJ-364</b>
<b>05/28/03</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Amended HJ-25</b>
<b>05/28/03</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments HJ-31</b>
<b>05/28/03</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Concurred in House amendment and enrolled SJ-37</b>
<b>05/28/03</b>		<b>Ratified R 97</b>
<b>06/02/03</b>		<b>Signed By Governor</b>
<b>06/20/03</b>		<b>Copies available</b>
<b>06/20/03</b>		<b>Effective date 06/02/03</b>
<b>06/26/03</b>		<b>Act No. 55</b>