**South Carolina General Assembly**

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**H. 3776**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

General Bill

Sponsors: Reps. Bannister, Bamberg, Caskey, Collins, Connell, Elliott, Garvin, Gatch, Guest, Hager, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Hyde, J.E. Johnson, Jordan, McCabe, McCravy, Mitchell, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Stavrinakis, T. Moore, Tedder, W. Newton, Weeks, Wetmore and Wheeler

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Introduced in the House on January 24, 2023

Introduced in the Senate on March 26, 2024

Currently residing in the Senate Committee on **Judiciary**

Summary: Circuit Court Judges

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

 Date Body Action Description with journal page number

 1/24/2023 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal‑page 29)

 1/24/2023 House Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** (House Journal‑page 29)

 3/6/2024 House Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** (House Journal‑page 6)

 3/20/2024 House Read second time (House Journal‑page 44)

 3/20/2024 House Roll call Yeas-107 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 44)

 3/21/2024 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal‑page 29)

 3/26/2024 Senate Introduced and read first time

 3/26/2024 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary**

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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Committee Report

March 06, 2024

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The committee on House Judiciary

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 3776) to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by repealing Section 14-5-130 relating to judges absenting themselves from the state, etc., respectfully

Report:

That they have duly and carefully considered the same, and recommend that the same do pass:

W. NEWTON for Committee.

statement of estimated fiscal impact

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill repeals the requirement that circuit court judges be granted written leave by the Chief Justice or presiding associate justice if they wish to absent themselves from the State. The bill codifies Proviso 57.19 of the Appropriations Act into permanent law. Judicial reports that the bill will have no expenditure impact.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 14-5-130 RELATING TO JUDGES ABSENTING THEMSELVES FROM THE STATE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 14-5-130 of the S.C. Code is repealed.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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