

Ways and Means
2019 Budget Subcommittee Hearing
Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Agency: S.C. Legislative Council (A15)
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Organizational Chart

Director of Legislative Council
and Code Commissioner
(1 lawyer)

Deputy Director
(1 lawyer)

Chief Counsel
(1 lawyer)

Legislative Drafting and
Codification Division

Deputy Director
(1 lawyer)
Chief Counsel
(1 lawyer)
Of Counsel (1)
Staff Attorneys (5)
Proviso Coordinators (2)
Support Staff, Managers,
& Admin. Assfs. (8)
Proofreaders (4)
Bill Clerk (1)

Library and Legislative
Research Division

Director of Research
& Editor, Code of Laws
(1)
Librarian (1)
Resolution Clerks (2)

State Register and
Administrative Procedures Act
Division

Editor of the
State Register (1)

Support and Staff
Services Division

Office Manager (1)
Business Manager (1)
Human Resources
Coordinator (1)
Receptionist (1)
Reproduction Manager (1)
Pages (4)

One Page Agency Summary

SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Ashley Harwell-Beach, Code Commissioner and Director
David Good, Deputy Director
Andy Beeson, Chief Counsel

Agency Mission and Brief Overview:

- The mission of Legislative Council is to provide high quality bill drafting and legal services to the General Assembly on a timely basis in compliance with the highest ethical standards and to accurately publish enactments of the General Assembly in codified form for use by government, the courts, and the general public.
- In 2017, the Legislative Council produced over 3,600 bills, resolutions, acts, and amendments. In 2018, the Legislative Council produced almost 3,400 bills, resolutions, acts, and amendments. Legislative Council also processes regulations and necessary related documents. In the course of processing these regulations, the agency lends its expertise to the state agencies that promulgate regulations. Many of these agencies must rely heavily on our experienced staff to navigate this complex process.
- The Legislative Council maintains the Legislative Library for the General Assembly with past codes, local laws, and other important resources available to members of the General Assembly and other interested parties. The Research Department of the Legislative Council, led by Research Director Elizabeth Taylor, recorded approximately 1,633 research requests in 2018, a greater number than recorded in any year from the past decade and a seven percent increase over the number recorded in 2017. These numbers do not capture all of the research requests handled by Legislative Council because many are received and fulfilled by our research staff and our staff attorneys immediately.
- The Legislative Council works throughout the year on the production of the updated South Carolina Code of Laws to reflect all legislative enactments from the previous session. The Code Commissioner and Editor of the Code of the Laws work together with our publishers and editors at Thomson Reuters (formerly West) to publish the code in as accurate a form and timely a manner as possible.

Budget Request Summary:

- The Legislative Council is NOT requesting any type of budget increase for FY 2019-20 at this time.
- The Legislative Council requests that the current funding level be maintained for FY 2019-20.

Proviso Request:

- The Legislative Council has maintained a bank account for the benefit of the Judicial Council for many years. The Judicial Council's last activity appears to have been in the early 1990s, meaning the account has been dormant for over 25 years. This account sits in a bank in Walterboro, S.C., with a remaining balance of \$8,108.43 as of September 30, 2018.
- The Legislative Council requests a Proviso be inserted in the FY 2019-20 Budget directing the agency to close the account and forward the funds to the Judicial Department which we believe is the appropriate entity to then expend the remainder of those funds.
- Suggested Proviso Language: 91. _____. (LEG: Transfer to Judicial Department) In the current fiscal year, the Legislative Council shall transfer \$8,108.43 in funds it holds for the benefit of the Judicial Council to the Judicial Department, plus any interest earned on those funds in the previous and current fiscal year to exhaust all such funds.

Budget Request Summary

Not Applicable
Fiscal Year 2019-20

Proviso Request Summary

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Constitutional Subcommittee Proviso Request Summary FY 2019/20									
1	Proviso # in FY 18-19 Act	Renumbered FY 19-20 Proviso #	Proviso Title	Short Summary	Agency Recommended Action (keep, change, delete, add)				
2									
3	91.11	91.11	LEG: Legislative Carry Forward	In addition to the funds appropriated in this section, the funds appropriated under Part IA, Sections 91A, 91B, 91C, 91D, and 91E for the prior fiscal year which are not expended during that fiscal year may be carried forward to be expended for the same purposes in the current fiscal year.	Keep				
4	91.17	91.17	LEG: Code of Laws Reimbursement	The Legislative Council may require reimbursement from public sector recipients except for the General Assembly of its cost of acquiring codes of law, supplements, or replacement volumes distributed to them.	Keep				
5	91.--	91.--	LEG: Transfer to Judicial Department	In the current fiscal year, the Legislative Council shall transfer \$8,108.43 in funds it holds for the benefit of the Judicial Council to the Judicial Department, plus any interest earned on those funds in the previous and current fiscal year to exhaust all such funds.	Add				

FTE Breakdown

South Carolina Legislative Council
(A15)

FTEs

	Authorized	Vacant
Authorized State FTEs	41	8
Authorized Federal FTEs	0	0
Authorized Other Funded FTEs	0	0
Authorized Total FTEs	41	8