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AGENDA

The House Judiciary Committee will meet on **Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 2:30 pm or 30 minutes after adjournment of the House, whichever is later, in Room 516** of the Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina. *The Judiciary committee staff has attempted to contact the interested parties of all bills listed on the agenda for this meeting.*

CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS SUBCOMMITTEE

Favorable

H.3676 – G.M. Smith TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED, RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Favorable

H.4589 – G.M. Smith TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION [5-15-120](#), RELATING TO VOTE COUNTING IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE LANGUAGE PROVIDING THAT INCUMBENTS HOLD OVER PENDING FINAL DETERMINATION OF ANY CONTESTS FILED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION [5-15-140](#), RELATING TO APPEALS FROM DECISIONS REGARDING MUNICIPAL ELECTION CONTESTS, SO AS TO DELETE LANGUAGE PROVIDING THAT A NOTICE OF APPEAL ACTS AS A STAY OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT APPEALS ARE TO BE GIVEN FIRST PRIORITY OF CONSIDERATION BY THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Favorable

H.4590– G.M. Smith TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION [7-13-25](#), RELATING TO EARLY VOTING, SO AS TO EXTEND THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF EARLY VOTING CENTERS.

FAMILY, BUSINESS, AND PROBATE LAW SUBCOMMITTEE

Favorable

H.4158 – Pendarvis TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CERTAIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MAY TERMINATE A RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS.

(Committee adjourned debate on the bill on January 23, 2024)

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR LIABILITY

Pending a favorable report from the ad hoc committee

H.5066 – Elliott TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 ENTITLED THE "FAIR ACCESS TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS" SO AS TO PROVIDE AN AFFORDABLE OPTION TO PROVIDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE TO ANY PERSON OR BUSINESS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN SUCH A POLICY, TO CREATE THE AFFORDABLE LIQUOR LIABILITY FUND TO AID IN THE FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXCISE TAX ON ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR BY THE DRINK MUST BE CREDITED TO THE FUND IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION [12-33-245](#), RELATING TO THE EXCISE TAX, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION [61-2-145](#), RELATING TO LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIQUOR LIABILITY RISK MITIGATION PROGRAM; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE INSURANCE RESERVE FUND IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE A START-UP LOAN TO THE FUND.