

## Session 122 - (2017-2018)

### S 0127 General Bill, By Campsen

**Summary:** Voter registration information

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-321 SO AS TO ALLOW AN ELECTOR TO HAVE CERTAIN PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION DECLARED CONFIDENTIAL; BY ADDING SECTION 7-17-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT POST-ELECTION AUDITS TO CORRECT OR VERIFY THE OUTCOME OF ALL ELECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE COUNTY BOARDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION OF THE ELECTION PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION AND THAT THESE REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE A PROVISION THAT AUDIT DATA AND REPORTS MUST BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC; TO AMEND SECTION 5-15-100, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MANAGERS OF AN ELECTION SHALL CERTIFY THE RESULTS WITHIN TWO DAYS OF THE ELECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 7-3-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL STATE ELECTION COMMISSION DIRECTIVES TO THE COUNTY BOARDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS MUST BE IN WRITING AND SENT TO BOTH THE DIRECTORS AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY BOARDS; TO AMEND SECTION 7-3-25, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO NONCOMPLIANT BOARDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS MAY APPEAL TO THE FULL STATE ELECTION COMMISSION BY A DIRECTIVE FROM THE STAFF OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION MADE TO THE COUNTY BOARD; TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-15, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE FILING OF THE STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY AND PARTY PLEDGE, SO AS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SIGNED COPIES THAT MUST BE FILED WITH THE ELECTION COMMISSION FROM THREE TO ONE, AND TO MAKE CERTAIN CONFORMING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-80, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE FORM OF THE NOMINATING PETITION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN ALTERNATE PAPER SIZE FOR NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR CANDIDACY OR POLITICAL PARTY CERTIFICATION; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-35, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO NOTICE OF GENERAL, MUNICIPAL, SPECIAL, AND PRIMARY ELECTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IN THE EVENT AN ELECTION IS POSTPONED, THE ELECTION MUST BE HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED ELECTION DAY; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-190, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IN THE EVENT THE GOVERNOR DECLARES A STATE OF EMERGENCY COVERING AN ENTIRE JURISDICTION HOLDING AN ELECTION, THE ELECTION MUST BE POSTPONED AND HELD ON THE FOLLOWING TUESDAY AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR STATEWIDE PRIMARIES OR GENERAL ELECTIONS UNLESS THE DECLARATION COVERS THE ENTIRE STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-420, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE RECEIPT, TABULATION AND REPORTING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ABSENTEE BALLOTS MAY NOT BE TABULATED UNTIL AFTER THE POLLS ARE CLOSED ON ELECTION DAY AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANYONE WHO PREMATURELY RELEASES INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE TABULATION OF BALLOTS IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, MUST BE FINED UP TO ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS OR IMPRISONED NOT MORE THAN NINETY DAYS; TO AMEND SECTION 7-17-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE MEETING AND ORGANIZATION OF COUNTY BOARDS OF CANVASSERS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE MEETING TIME FOR THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION FROM THE FRIDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE ELECTION TO THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE ELECTION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-17-20, RELATING TO THE CANVASS OF VOTES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS TO SUBMIT THEIR RESULTS TO THE STATE BOARD OF CANVASSERS BY NOON ON THE TUESDAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION.

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