

Session 115 - (2003-2004)

S 0306 General Bill, By Ford

Summary: Elections, absentee ballots; revisions

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-20, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CONDUCT OF PARTY CONVENTIONS OR PARTY PRIMARY ELECTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION REQUIRING THAT AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BE AVAILABLE FOR RELIGIOUS REASONS; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-10, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO A LIST OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-260, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF POLITICAL PARTIES CONDUCTING MUNICIPAL PRIMARIES, SO AS TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO A LIST OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-310, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING ABSENTEE VOTING, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS WHICH ARE NO LONGER NECESSARY WITH THE CHANGES MADE TO THE ARTICLE BY THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY QUALIFIED ELECTOR MUST BE PERMITTED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-330, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE TIME OF APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO A LIST OF PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-340, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE FORM OF AN APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO SPECIFY CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF VOTERS WHICH MAY USE A DIFFERENT FORM AND TO PROVIDE THAT A QUALIFIED ELECTOR DOES NOT HAVE TO STATE THE REASON FOR REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT ON THE APPLICATION FORM; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-395, RELATING TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF POLITICAL PARTIES CONCERNING PRIMARIES, SO AS TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO A LIST OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT.

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