

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

**S\*0336 (Rat #0098, Act #0095 of 2026) General Bill, By Alexander, Massey and Rankin**

**Summary:** Judicial Elections

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-90, RELATING TO JUDICIAL ELECTIONS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION, SO AS TO SET THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF MARCH FOR THE ELECTIONS OF JUDGES BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-80, RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION AND NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES, SO AS TO REVISE THE TIME FRAME FOR THE RELEASE OF THE COMMISSION'S FORMAL REPORT AS TO QUALIFICATIONS OF ITS NOMINEES. - RATIFIED TITLE

02/12/25	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 3)
02/12/25	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 3)
02/27/25	Senate	Referred to Subcommittee: Elliott (ch), Cash, Tedder, Devine, Fernandez, Kennedy, Walker
03/12/25	Senate	Committee report: Favorable Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 8)
03/20/25	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 11)
03/20/25	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 11)
03/20/25	Senate	Roll call Ayes-40 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 11)
03/25/25	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 11)
03/27/25	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 20)
03/27/25	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 20)
01/28/26	House	Committee report: Favorable Judiciary (House Journal-page 382)
01/29/26	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 21)
01/29/26	House	Roll call Yeas-113 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 21)
01/29/26	House	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (House Journal-page 23)
01/30/26	House	Read third time and enrolled (House Journal-page 1)
02/03/26		Ratified R 98
02/05/26		Signed By Governor
02/06/26		Effective date 07/01/25
02/06/26		Act No. 95