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H*3529 (Rat #0018, Act #0007 of 2025) General Bill, By W. Newton, Bannister, Caskey, Wooten, Spann-Wilder, Calhoon, Ballentine, Robbins, Mitchell and Weeks *Similar (H 3521)*

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-40, RELATING TO FAMILY COURT JUDGES ELECTED FROM EACH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SO AS TO INCREASE BY ONE THE NUMBER OF FAMILY COURT JUDGES IN THE NINTH, ELEVENTH, AND FOURTEENTH CIRCUITS. - RATIFIED TITLE 12/05/24 House Prefiled 12/05/24 **Referred to Committee on Judiciary** House 01/14/25 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 235) 01/14/25 House Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 235) 02/05/25 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Calhoon, Ballentine 02/06/25 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Robbins, Mitchell 02/06/25 House Committee report: Favorable Judiciary (House Journal-page 4) 02/12/25 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Weeks Read second time (House Journal-page 32) 02/12/25 House 02/12/25 Roll call Yeas-106 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 32) House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 12) 02/13/25 House 02/13/25 Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 12) Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 12) 02/13/25 Senate 02/27/25 Referred to Subcommittee: Elliott (ch), Cash, Tedder, Devine, Fernandez, Kennedy, Walker Senate Committee report: Favorable Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 9) 03/12/25 Senate 03/13/25 Scrivener's error corrected 03/18/25 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal-page 17) Roll call Ayes-44 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 17) 03/18/25 Senate 03/19/25 Senate Read third time and enrolled (Senate Journal-page 8) 04/24/25 Ratified R 18 04/28/25 **Signed By Governor** 05/07/25 Effective date 04/28/25 05/07/25 Act No. 7