

Session 125 - (2023-2024)

H 3535 General Bill, By White, Chumley and Beach

Summary: Judicial Merit Selection Commission, magistrate screening

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO REFERENCE JUDICIAL SCREENING REQUIREMENTS BEFORE A MAGISTRATE MAY BE APPOINTED; BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-115 SO AS TO REQUIRE CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF MAGISTRATE TO BE SCREENED BY THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION AND PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES BY WHICH MAGISTRATES MAY BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY REPEALING SECTION 22-2-10 RELATING TO THE OPTIONAL SCREENING COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN SELECTION OF MAGISTRATES; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 22-2-15 RELATING TO THE OPTIONAL SPECIAL ELECTION FOR NONPARTISAN PREFERENTIAL SELECTION OF MAGISTRATES.

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