

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H 3557 General Bill, By B. Newton, Pedalino, Taylor, Guest, Crawford, Schuessler and Hixon

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-15, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN AS A CANDIDATE IN GENERAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO SHORTEN THE CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD, TO REQUIRE ALL CANDIDATES FROM EACH POLITICAL PARTY IN THIS STATE TO PAY A FILING FEE, AND TO AUTHORIZE POLITICAL PARTIES TO CHARGE A CERTIFICATION FEE TO ALL CANDIDATES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-210, RELATING TO THE FILING OF PARTY PLEDGES BY CANDIDATES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DATE BY WHICH A PARTY PLEDGE MUST BE FILED.

12/05/24	House	Prefiled
12/05/24	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary
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01/14/25	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 244)
02/26/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Guest, Crawford
03/20/25	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 8)
03/26/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Schuessler, Hixon
03/26/25	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). Magnuson, Beach, Pace, Frank, White, Cromer, Gilreath, Ligon, Terrible, B Newton, Jordan, Guest (House Journal-page 25)
03/26/25	House	Amended (House Journal-page 49)
03/26/25	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 49)
03/26/25	House	Roll call Yeas-87 Nays-18 (House Journal-page 51)
03/27/25	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 32)
03/27/25		Scrivener's error corrected
04/01/25	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 9)
04/01/25	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 9)
02/18/26	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 11)
03/31/26	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 27)
03/31/26	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 27)
03/31/26	Senate	Roll call Ayes-40 Nays-1 (Senate Journal-page 27)
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