

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

### H 3588 General Bill, By Bowers, Hiott, Taylor and Sanders

**Summary:** Uncontested municipal primary elections

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 5-15-112 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON SEEKING ELECTION FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICES BY WRITE-IN VOTES MUST TIMELY FILE A DECLARATION OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY IN ORDER FOR WRITE-IN VOTES TO BE COUNTED IN HIS FAVOR; AND BY ADDING SECTION 5-15-115 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN UNCONTESTED CANDIDATE FOR A MUNICIPAL OFFICE IS DEEMED ELECTED, AND SUCH OFFICE IS NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR ON THE GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT, AS APPLICABLE.

**12/12/24 House Prefiled**

**12/12/24 House Referred to Committee on Judiciary**

**01/14/25 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 256)**

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