

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H 3642 General Bill, By McCabe

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, TERM, AND JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH TWO CLASSES OF MAGISTRATES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT, TERM, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF CLASS 2 MAGISTRATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-15, RELATING TO MAGISTRATES PRESENTLY SERVING, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-30, RELATING TO SUSPENSION, REMOVAL, OR NONREAPPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-2-5, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY EXAMINATIONS FOR MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND SUBJECT CLASS 2 MAGISTRATES TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 19, TITLE 2 OF THE S.C. CODE; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-10, RELATING TO CONCURRENT CIVIL JURISDICTION, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE JURISDICTION OF THE TWO CLASSES OF MAGISTRATES, AND TO INCREASE THE CIVIL JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-540, RELATING TO EXCLUSIVE AND CONCURRENT JURISDICTION IN CRIMINAL CASES, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE JURISDICTION OF THE TWO CLASSES OF MAGISTRATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-800, RELATING TO SUSPENSION OF IMPOSITION OR EXECUTION OF A SENTENCE IN CERTAIN CASES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 22-8-40, RELATING TO FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME MAGISTRATES' SALARIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CLASS 2 MAGISTRATES.

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