

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

**H 3643 General Bill, By B. Newton, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Bowers, Sanders, Davis, Landing, Kilmartin, Long, Lawson, Hager, Crawford, Bailey, Gagnon, Hartnett, McGinnis, M.M. Smith, Haddon, Neese, Teeple, Forrest, Willis, Rankin, Holman, McCravy, Gibson, Brittain, Guffey, Sessions, B.L. Cox, Bustos, Hixon, Hart, Oremus, T. Moore, Montgomery, Hardee, Wickensimer, Beach, White, Erickson, Bradley, Mitchell, Hartz, B.J. Cox, Guest, Whitmire, Burns, Terrible, Ligon, Duncan, Schuessler, Wooten and J.E. Johnson**

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**Summary:** Voter registration, party affiliation

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-200 SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, PROVIDE THAT ONLY ELECTORS REGISTERED AS AFFILIATED WITH A CERTIFIED POLITICAL PARTY OR AS UNAFFILIATED FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME MAY PARTICIPATE IN A PARTISAN PRIMARY OR ADVISORY REFERENDUM HELD BY THAT PARTY, AND TO ESTABLISH PROCESSES BY WHICH ELECTORS REGISTER OR BECOME REGISTERED AS AFFILIATED WITH A POLITICAL PARTY; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 7-5-170 AND 7-5-185, BOTH RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION, BOTH SO AS TO INCLUDE INFORMATION REGARDING AN APPLICANT'S POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION; 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; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-210, RELATING TO FILING OF PARTY PLEDGES BY CANDIDATES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DATE BY WHICH A PARTY PLEDGE MUST BE FILED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-40, RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF NAMES BY A POLITICAL PARTY TO BE PLACED ON PRIMARY BALLOTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY PERSONS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN A POLITICAL PARTY'S RECENT STATEWIDE PRIMARIES AND ARE REGISTERED AS AFFILIATED WITH THE PARTY FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT FOR THAT PARTY'S PARTISAN PRIMARY UNLESS THE PARTY HAS TAKEN ACTION TO WAIVE THESE REQUIREMENTS.

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 278)
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01/15/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Davis
01/16/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Landing
01/28/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Kilmartin
01/29/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Lawson, Hager, Crawford, Bailey, Gagnon, Hartnett, McGinnis, M.M.Smith, Haddon, Neese, Teeple, Forrest, Willis, Rankin, Holman, McCravy, Gibson, Brittain, Guffey, Sessions, B.L.Cox
01/30/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bustos, Hixon, Hartz, Oremus
02/04/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: T.Moore, Montgomery, Hardee, Wickensimer, Beach, White, Erickson, Bradley, Mitchell
02/05/25		Scrivener's error corrected
02/05/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: B.J.Cox, Guest
02/06/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Whitmire, Burns, Terrible
03/04/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Ligon
03/05/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Duncan
03/10/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Schuessler
03/11/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Wooten, J.E.Johnson