

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H 4160 General Bill, By W. Newton, G.M. Smith, Jordan, Caskey, Bannister, Pope, Mitchell and Yow

Summary: Judicial seats, circuit court

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-5-610, RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF THE STATE INTO SIXTEEN JUDICIAL CIRCUITS, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH CIRCUIT, AND THE ELECTION OF AT-LARGE JUDGES WITHOUT REGARD TO COUNTY OR CIRCUIT OF RESIDENCE, SO AS TO CONVERT FIVE AT-LARGE CIRCUIT COURT SEATS TO RESIDENT SEATS IN THE THIRD, SEVENTH, NINTH, ELEVENTH, AND TWELFTH CIRCUITS.

03/06/25	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 7)
03/06/25	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 7)
03/27/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Pope
04/02/25	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 7)
04/08/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Mitchell, Yow
04/08/25	House	Amended (House Journal-page 32)
04/08/25	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 32)
04/08/25	House	Roll call Yeas-106 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 37)
04/09/25	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 22)
04/09/25	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 6)
04/09/25	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 6)
04/29/25	Senate	Committee report: Favorable Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 18)