

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H*4160 (Rat #0076, Act #0050 of 2025) General Bill, By W. Newton, G.M. Smith, Jordan, Caskey, Bannister, Pope, Mitchell and Yow

Summary: Judicial seats, circuit court

AN ACT 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 NINE AT-LARGE CIRCUIT COURT SEATS TO RESIDENT SEATS IN THE THIRD, THIRTEENTH, TWELFTH, FIFTH, NINTH, ELEVENTH, AND SEVENTH CIRCUITS. - RATIFIED TITLE

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)
05/01/25	Senate	Read second time
05/01/25	Senate	Roll call Ayes-24 Nays-14
05/06/25	Senate	Read third time and enrolled (Senate Journal-page 42)
05/06/25	Senate	Roll call Ayes-45 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 42)
05/08/25		Ratified R 76
05/12/25		Signed By Governor
05/19/25		Effective date 05/12/25
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