

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H 4513 General Bill, By Pope and Ligon

Summary: Election Transparency and Accountability Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-35 SO AS TO REQUIRE COUNTY BOARDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS TO MAINTAIN CERTAIN RECORDS THAT MUST BE PROVIDED, UPON REQUEST, TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS FREE OF CHARGE; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-870 SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN INHERENT RIGHTS OF OBSERVATION WITH REGARDS TO ELECTION PROCESSES FOR EVERY CITIZEN OF THIS STATE; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-880 SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN INVENTORY RECORD-KEEPING PROTOCOLS AND CHAIN OF CUSTODY REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING SYSTEM COMPONENTS AND OTHER SYSTEMS, EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, OR DEVICES USED IN ELECTION-RELATED PROCESSES; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-1180 SO AS TO CONDUCT POSTELECTION AUDITS IN WHICH ALL VOTES CAST ARE HAND COUNTED; AND BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-1455 SO AS TO PROVIDE ACTIONS AND PROTOCOLS THAT MUST BE TAKEN WHEN THERE IS A DISCREPANCY BETWEEN POSTELECTION AUDIT RESULTS AND TABULATED VOTE COUNTS THAT EQUALS OR EXCEEDS A CERTAIN AMOUNT.

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05/08/25 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Ligon