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H 4668 General Bill, By C. Mitchell, Pope and Chumley

Summary: Magistrates

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-115 SO AS TO REQUIRE CANDIDATES FOR MAGISTRATE POSITIONS TO BE REVIEWED BY THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER JUDICIAL CANDIDATES UPON VACANCIES, AND TO DEFINE WHEN VACANCIES OCCUR; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-10, RELATING TO CIVIL JURISDICTION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE CIVIL JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES COURT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 22-8-30, RELATING TO THE FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL OF MAGISTRATES COURTS IN EACH COUNTY, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PERSONNEL PROVIDED FOR MAGISTRATES IN EACH COUNTY TO INCLUDE ONE OR MORE LICENSED ATTORNEYS IN GOOD STANDING OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR.

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