

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

**H\*4805 General Bill, By W. Newton, C. Mitchell, B. Newton, Pope, White, Robbins and Hart**

**Summary:** Judicial Seats

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 THREE AT-LARGE CIRCUIT COURT SEATS TO RESIDENT SEATS IN THE FIRST, THIRD, AND EIGHTH CIRCUITS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-40, RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF FAMILY COURT JUDGES TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH CIRCUIT, SO AS TO CONVERT FOUR AT-LARGE FAMILY COURT SEATS TO RESIDENT SEATS IN THE FIFTH, TENTH, AND TWELFTH CIRCUITS.

<b>12/16/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Prefiled</b>
<b>12/16/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary</b>
<b>01/13/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 96)</b>
<b>01/13/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 96)</b>
<b>01/20/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: White</b>
<b>03/31/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Robbins</b>
<b>03/31/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 210)</b>
<b>04/01/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hart</b>
<b>04/01/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Amended (House Journal-page 22)</b>
<b>04/01/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read second time (House Journal-page 22)</b>
<b>04/01/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Roll call Yeas-109 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 24)</b>
<b>04/02/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 37)</b>
<b>04/07/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 3)</b>
<b>04/07/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 3)</b>
<b>05/05/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read second time (Senate Journal-page 45)</b>
<b>05/05/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Roll call Ayes-45 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 45)</b>
<b>05/06/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read third time and enrolled (Senate Journal-page 82)</b>