

Session 124 - (2021-2022)

H 4957 General Bill, By May

Summary: Election Integrity Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "ELECTION INTEGRITY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-171 SO AS TO REQUIRE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICANTS TO SUBMIT PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP IN ORDER TO BECOME REGISTERED; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-1625 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY VOTING SYSTEM PURCHASED FOR USE IN SOUTH CAROLINA SHALL UTILIZE HAND-MARKED PAPER BALLOTS TABULATED BY OPTICAL SCANNERS; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-1635 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION AND COUNTY ELECTION BOARDS SHALL CONDUCT POSTELECTION RISK-LIMITING AUDITS BEGINNING WITH THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION CYCLE; BY ADDING SECTION 7-25-175 SO AS TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL FOR ANY ELECTION BOARD OR COMMISSION, OR MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE THEREOF, TO MODIFY ANY MANDATORY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 7-3-40, RELATING TO MONTHLY REPORTS THE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS MUST PROVIDE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION REGARDING PERSONS WHO HAVE DIED IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO REMOVE THE NAMES OF ANY REGISTERED VOTERS IDENTIFIED AS DECEASED FROM THE OFFICIAL LIST OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS WITHIN THIRTY DAYS RECEIPT OF THE REPORT; TO AMEND SECTION 7-5-320, RELATING TO CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORMS SUBMITTED FOR PURPOSES OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE SERVING AS A NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION PURPOSES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT ACCEPTED CHANGE OF ADDRESS SUBMISSIONS BE TIMELY TRANSMITTED TO THE APPROPRIATE ELECTION BOARD; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-340, RELATING TO THE FORM OF AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS ALSO REQUIRE THE VOTER'S DATE OF BIRTH AND THE VOTER'S SOUTH CAROLINA DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER OR THE VOTER'S PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD NUMBER OR ANOTHER FORM OF IDENTIFICATION CONTAINING A PHOTOGRAPH ISSUED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES OR A PHOTOCOPY OF ONE OF THE FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR VOTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-13-710.

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