

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

### H\*5018 (Rat #0253, Act #0239 of 2026) General Bill, By G.M. Smith

**Summary:** Agency Head Salary Commission, Governor and Lt. Governor

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-1-1210, RELATING TO ANNUAL SALARIES OF CERTAIN STATE OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SALARIES OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MUST BE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE AGENCY HEAD SALARY COMMISSION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-11-160, RELATING TO THE AGENCY HEAD SALARY COMMISSION AND SALARY INCREASES FOR AGENCY HEADS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SALARIES OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MUST BE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE AGENCY HEAD SALARY COMMISSION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO AUTHORIZE A STUDY EVERY FOUR YEARS TO RECOMMEND SALARY RANGES FOR THE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 8-11-165, RELATING TO THE AGENCY HEAD SALARY COMMISSION AND ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES. - RATIFIED TITLE

**01/27/26 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 3)**  
**01/27/26 House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means (House Journal-page 3)**  
**04/02/26 House Committee report: Favorable Ways and Means (House Journal-page 9)**  
**04/15/26 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). Pace, Frank, Edgerton, Gilreath, Cromer, Morgan, White, McCravy (House Journal-page 24)**  
**04/23/26 House Read second time (House Journal-page 161)**  
**04/23/26 House Roll call Yeas-97 Nays-10 (House Journal-page 161)**  
**04/23/26 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (House Journal-page 163)**  
**04/24/26 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 3)**  
**04/28/26 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 10)**  
**04/28/26 Senate Referred to Committee on Finance (Senate Journal-page 10)**  
**05/12/26 Senate Recalled from Committee on Finance (Senate Journal-page 4)**  
**05/13/26 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal-page 72)**  
**05/14/26 Senate Read third time and enrolled (Senate Journal-page 106)**  
**05/14/26 Senate Roll call Ayes-41 Nays-2 (Senate Journal-page 106)**  
**05/15/26 Ratified R 253**  
**05/19/26 Signed By Governor**  
**06/05/26 Effective date 05/19/26**  
**06/03/26 Act No. 239**