

## Session 123 - (2019-2020)

**H 5483 General Bill, By Brawley, King, Cobb-Hunter, Henegan, Pendarvis, Bernstein, Jefferson, Weeks, Howard, Mack, Matthews, Robinson, Thigpen, R. Williams, S. Williams, Anderson, Henderson-Myers, McDaniel, Wheeler, Hart, Gilliard, Rose, Stavrinakis, Garvin, Dillard, Rutherford, Kirby, Govan, Bales, Ballentine, Finlay, Parks and Ridgeway**  
**Similar (S 1204)**

**Summary:** Absentee ballot

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-320, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS WHO ARE SELF-QUARANTINING OR ISOLATING IN ORDER TO AVOID POSSIBLE EXPOSURE TO A CONTAGIOUS, COMMUNICABLE, OR TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASE DURING AN ACTIVE PANDEMIC OR EPIDEMIC IN THIS STATE, OR PERSONS WHOSE PLACE OF RESIDENCE OR POLLING PLACE IS LOCATED IN AN AREA SUBJECT TO AN ACTIVE AND LAWFULLY DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 7-15-220, 7-15-380, 7-15-385, AND 7-15-420, ALL RELATING TO ABSENTEE BALLOTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NOTWITHSTANDING ANOTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE REQUIREMENT THAT AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICANT'S OATH BE WITNESSED DOES NOT APPLY DURING AN ACTIVE PANDEMIC OR EPIDEMIC IN THIS STATE, OR DURING AN ACTIVE AND LAWFULLY DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THIS STATE.

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