

## Session 113 - (1999-2000)

### S 0595 General Bill, By Ford

**Summary:** Absentee ballots, qualified electors permitted to vote by; Elections

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CONDUCT OF PARTY CONVENTIONS OR PARTY PRIMARY ELECTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE LANGUAGE REQUIRING THAT AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BE AVAILABLE FOR RELIGIOUS REASONS; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-10, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO A LIST OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-260, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF POLITICAL PARTIES CONDUCTING MUNICIPAL PRIMARIES, SO AS TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO A LIST OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-310, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING ABSENTEE VOTING, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS WHICH ARE NO LONGER NECESSARY WITH CHANGES MADE TO THE ARTICLE; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY QUALIFIED ELECTOR MUST BE PERMITTED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-330, RELATING TO THE TIME OF APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO A LIST OF PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-340, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE FORM OF AN APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO SPECIFY CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF VOTERS WHICH MAY USE A DIFFERENT FORM AND TO PROVIDE THAT A QUALIFIED ELECTOR DOES NOT HAVE TO STATE THE REASON FOR REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT ON THE APPLICATION FORM; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-395, RELATING TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF POLITICAL PARTIES CONCERNING PRIMARIES, SO AS TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO A LIST OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT.

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