

## Session 114 - (2001-2002)

### S 1107 General Bill, By Reese

#### *Similar (H 5119)*

**Summary:** Law enforcement officers may engage in political activity while off duty, but must not be required to engage in

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 23, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY GENERAL PROVISIONS, BY DESIGNATING SECTIONS 23-1-15 THROUGH 23-1-225 OF THE 1976 CODE AS ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 23 NAMED "MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-10 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MAY ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY WHILE OFF DUTY AND MUST NOT BE DENIED THE RIGHT TO REFRAIN FROM ENGAGING IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 3, RELATING TO DUE PROCESS DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE DEFINITIONS USED IN CONNECTION WITH DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EMPLOYING AGENCIES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICES IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATIONS INTO ALLEGATIONS THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER COMMITTED AN OFFENSE OR ENGAGED IN MISCONDUCT, TO PROVIDE FOR DUE PROCESS WHEN CONDUCTING DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS, TO PROVIDE FOR AGENCY REVIEW OF CERTAIN FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE TAKING DISCIPLINARY ACTION OR ADVERSE PERSONNEL ACTION AGAINST A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, AND TO PROVIDE FOR APPEALS FROM AGENCY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RESULTING IN DISCIPLINARY OR ADVERSE PERSONNEL ACTION AGAINST A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

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