

## Session 123 - (2019-2020)

**S 0176 General Bill, By Hembree, Martin and Verdin**

**Similar (H 3301, H 4417)**

**Summary:** Executions

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 24-3-530, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEATH BY ELECTROCUTION OR LETHAL INJECTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON CONVICTED OF A CAPITAL CRIME AND HAVING IMPOSED UPON HIM THE SENTENCE OF DEATH SHALL SUFFER THE PENALTY BY ELECTROCUTION OR, AT THE ELECTION OF THE PERSON, LETHAL INJECTION, IF IT IS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF ELECTION, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE CONVICTED PERSON RECEIVES A STAY OF EXECUTION OR THE EXECUTION DATE HAS PASSED, THE ELECTION EXPIRES AND MUST BE RENEWED IN WRITING, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PENALTY MUST BE ADMINISTERED BY ELECTROCUTION FOR A PERSON WHO WAIVES THE RIGHT OF ELECTION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SHALL DETERMINE AND CERTIFY TO THE SUPREME COURT WHETHER THE METHOD SELECTED IS AVAILABLE, TO PROVIDE THAT A CONVICTED PERSON'S SIGNATURE MUST BE WITNESSED BY TWO PERSONS WHOSE SIGNATURES MUST BE NOTARIZED AND CERTIFIES THAT THE CONVICTED PERSON'S SIGNATURE WAS MADE FREE FROM COERCION AND VOLUNTARILY GIVEN, AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF EXECUTION BY LETHAL INJECTION UNDER THIS SECTION IS UNAVAILABLE OR IS HELD TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL BY AN APPELLATE COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, THEN THE MANNER OF INFLECTING A DEATH SENTENCE MUST BE ELECTROCUTION REGARDLESS OF THE METHOD ELECTED BY THE PERSON.

12/12/18	Senate	Prefiled
12/12/18	Senate	Referred to Committee on Corrections and Penology
01/08/19	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 122)
01/08/19	Senate	Referred to Committee on Corrections and Penology (Senate Journal-page 122)
01/23/19	Senate	Polled out of committee Corrections and Penology (Senate Journal-page 8)
01/23/19	Senate	Committee report: Favorable Corrections and Penology (Senate Journal-page 8)
01/24/19		Scrivener's error corrected
01/29/19	Senate	Special order, set for January 29, 2019 (Senate Journal-page 35)
01/29/19	Senate	Roll call Ayes-26 Nays-13 (Senate Journal-page 35)
01/30/19	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 22)
01/30/19	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 22)
01/30/19	Senate	Roll call Ayes-26 Nays-13 (Senate Journal-page 22)
01/31/19	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 9)
01/31/19	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 61)
01/31/19	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 61)
01/31/19		Scrivener's error corrected
03/11/20	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 11)
03/12/20		Scrivener's error corrected
04/08/20	House	Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 36)
05/12/20	House	Debate adjourned until Wed., 5-13-20
09/15/20	House	Debate adjourned until Wed., 9-16-20 (House Journal-page 108)
09/16/20	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). Hill, Murphy, Brawley, Jefferson, Thigpen, and Matthews (House Journal-page 5)
09/22/20	House	Debate adjourned