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H 3102 General Bill, By McEachern, Cobb-Hunter and M.S. McLeod

Summary: Voter Registration

A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 7-5-120 AND 7-5-180, BOTH AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES NECESSARY FOR PERSONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE, SO AS TO REVISE REFERENCES; TO AMEND SECTION 7-5-310, RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCIES, SO AS TO REFLECT A NAME CHANGE FOR ONE OF SUCH AGENCIES AND TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO DISABILITY; TO AMEND SECTION 7-7-990, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ACCESSIBILITY OF POLLING PLACES, SO AS TO REVISE "BARRIER FREE" TO "ACCESSIBLE" AND TO DEFINE "ACCESSIBLE", TO ALLOW ANY PERSON WITH DISABILITIES TO VOTE IN A COUNTYWIDE ACCESSIBLE POLLING PLACE AND REQUIRE THAT ANY ALTERNATIVE POLLING PLACE MUST BE ACCESSIBLE; TO AMEND SECTION 7-7-1000, RELATING TO PRECINCTS IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ANY POOLED PRECINCT TO BE ACCESSIBLE; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-200, RELATING TO THE MAILING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE AVAILABLE IN BRAILLE AND LARGE PRINT FORMAT; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-310, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF ABSENTEE VOTING, SO AS TO REPLACE THE REFERENCE TO "PHYSICALLY DISABLED PERSON" TO "PERSON WITH A DISABILITY", AND TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE"; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO REVISE REFERENCES RELATING TO DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-330, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR ABSENTEE VOTING, SO AS TO CONFORM THE REFERENCES RELATING TO PERSONS ADMITTED TO HOSPITALS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 7-15-380 AND 7-15-385, BOTH AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE OATH AND PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO UPDATE REFERENCES RELATING TO DISABILITY.

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