

Session 121 - (2015-2016)

H*3184 (Rat #0306, Act #0282 of 2016) General Bill, By Pope, Cole, Anderson, Bales, G.A. Brown, Burns, Finlay, Funderburk, Hart, Knight, Lucas, Murphy, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Putnam, Rivers, Southard, Spires, Tallon, Taylor, Wells, Williams, Willis, Bernstein, Long, Douglas, Henderson, G.M. Smith, G.R. Smith, McCoy, McKnight, Clary, M.S. McLeod, Thayer, W.J. McLeod, Weeks, J.E. Smith and Stavrinakis

Similar (S 0001, S 0014, S 0074, H 3185, H 3722)

Summary: Ethics Reform Act

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-130, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION'S AUTHORITY TO LEVY ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEES TO LEVY ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-310, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, SO AS TO RECONSTITUTE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, SO AS TO CITE ADDITIONAL LEGAL AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION TO INITIATE AND RECEIVE COMPLAINTS AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE FILER OF A GROUNDLESS COMPLAINT MAY BE ORDERED TO REIMBURSE THE COMMISSION FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INVESTIGATION AND DISPOSITION OF THE COMPLAINT, TO AUTHORIZE COMMISSION STAFF TO PARTICIPATE IN FACTS SUFFICIENCY DETERMINATIONS, TO REVISE THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE COMMISSION, UPON ITS OWN MOTION, MAY FILE A VERIFIED ETHICS COMPLAINT, TO REVISE THE COMMISSION'S REQUIRED ACTIONS AND TREATMENT OF COMPLAINT INFORMATION FOLLOWING A DISMISSAL OR A FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE, TO REVISE THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE COMMISSION DETERMINES PROBABLE CAUSE; TO PROVIDE THAT COMMISSION HEARINGS MUST BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND TO REVISE THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE COMMISSION ISSUES FORMAL ADVISORY OPINIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-322 SO AS TO PROHIBIT ANYONE WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF A PENDING ETHICS INVESTIGATION OR OPEN COMPLAINT FROM CONTACTING OR ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, A MEMBER OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION OR A LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-530, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE COMMITTEES' FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND TO REQUIRE THE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEES TO REFER CERTAIN ETHICS COMPLAINTS TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION FOR INVESTIGATION; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-535 SO AS TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEES TO ISSUE FORMAL ADVISORY OPINIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-540, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE MANNER IN WHICH THE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEES CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR FORWARDING CERTAIN ETHICS COMPLAINTS TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION FOR DISPOSITION AND TO MAKE OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-550, RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION OF AN ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR SENATE, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE CONFIDENTIALITY EXCEPTION FOR PRIVATE REPRIMANDS. - ratified title

- 12/18/14 House Prefiled**
- 12/18/14 House Referred to Committee on Judiciary**
- 01/13/15 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 137)**
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- 01/21/15 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Thayer, W.J.McLeod**
- 01/21/15 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 3)**
- 01/22/15 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Weeks**
- 01/22/15 Scrivener's error corrected**
- 01/27/15 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: J.E.Smith, Stavrinakis**
- 01/27/15 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). Pope, Simrill, JE Smith, Felder, Norman, Dellaney, Taylor, Hixon, Clary, Weeks, DC Moss, Hicks, Toole, Ballentine, Hiott, Corley, Hodges, Mack, Anderson, Cole, GA Brown, RL Brown, MS McLeod, Tallon, Bales, Crosby, Clyburn, Hosey, McEachern, Neal, Douglas, King, Gilliard, Forrester, Henegan, Jefferson (House Journal-page 33)**
- 01/27/15 House Debate adjourned until Wed. 1-28-15 (House Journal-page 38)**
- 01/28/15 House Amended (House Journal-page 25)**
- 01/28/15 House Read second time (House Journal-page 25)**
- 01/28/15 House Roll call Yeas-109 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 53)**
- 01/29/15 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 19)**

01/29/15 House Roll call Yeas-102 Nays-1 (House Journal-page 21)
01/29/15 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 4)
01/29/15 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 4)
01/29/15 Scrivener's error corrected
02/03/16 Senate Committee report: Majority favorable with amend., minority unfavorable Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 33)
02/25/16 Senate Special order, set for February 25, 2016 (Senate Journal-page 30)
04/05/16 Senate Committee Amendment Amended (Senate Journal-page 58)
04/05/16 Senate Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 58)
04/06/16 Senate Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 39)
04/07/16 Senate Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 50)
04/13/16 Senate Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 39)
04/26/16 Senate Amended (Senate Journal-page 95)
04/26/16 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal-page 95)
04/27/16 Senate Amended (Senate Journal-page 96)
04/27/16 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 96)
04/27/16 Senate Roll call Ayes-38 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 96)
04/28/16 Scrivener's error corrected
04/29/16 Scrivener's error corrected
05/04/16 House Debate adjourned until Tues., 5-17-16 (House Journal-page 18)
05/18/16 House Debate adjourned until Thur., 5-19-16 (House Journal-page 67)
05/19/16 House Senate amendment amended (House Journal-page 27)
05/19/16 House Roll call Yeas-101 Nays-2 (House Journal-page 49)
05/25/16 Senate Non-concurrence in House amendment (Senate Journal-page 14)
05/26/16 House House insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Reps. Pope, GM Smith, Norrell (House Journal-page 2)
05/26/16 Senate Conference committee appointed L. Martin, Malloy, Campsen (Senate Journal-page 11)
06/15/16 House Free conference powers granted (House Journal-page 190)
06/15/16 House Roll call Yeas-92 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 190)
06/15/16 House Free conference committee appointed Pope, GM Smith, Norrell (House Journal-page 191)
06/15/16 Senate Free conference powers granted (Senate Journal-page 147)
06/15/16 Senate Free conference committee appointed Larry Martin, Campsen, Malloy (Senate Journal-page 147)
06/15/16 Senate Free conference report received and adopted (Senate Journal-page 147)
06/15/16 Senate Roll call Ayes-41 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 147)
06/15/16 House Free conference report adopted (House Journal-page 194)
06/15/16 House Roll call Yeas-99 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 216)
06/15/16 Senate Ordered enrolled for ratification
06/17/16 Ratified R 306
06/23/16 Signed By Governor
07/07/16 Effective date See Act for Effective Date
07/07/16 Act No. 282