

Session 111 - (1995-1996)

H 3194 General Bill, By J.H. Hodges

A Bill to amend Section 7-15-310, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to definitions used in connection with absentee voting, so as to delete the definitions "members of the Armed Forces of the United States", "members of the Merchant Marine of the United States", "students", and "physically disabled person" to amend Section 7-15-320, as amended, relating to qualifications for voting by absentee ballot, so as to delete the specific qualifications and provide that a person only need follow the provisions of Article 5, Chapter 15, Title 7 to qualify to vote by absentee ballot; to amend Section 7-15-330, as amended, relating to the time of application for an absentee ballot, so as to add a requirement that members of the Armed Forces and Merchant Marine of the United States, their spouses and dependents residing with them are permitted to use standard Form 76 or any subsequent form replacing it; to amend Section 7-15-340, as amended, relating to the form required for application for absentee ballot, so as to delete the specific qualifications required pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-15-320 which have been deleted by this Act, require identifying information on a form prescribed by the Executive Director and an oath stating that the applicant is qualified to vote and has not voted during the election for which the application for absentee ballot is sought; to amend Section 7-15-360, relating to the furnishing of ballots and envelopes to the Board of Registration of each county by the Commissioners of Election of county or the county committee for each political party, so as to delete reference to the county committee for each county; to amend Section 7-15-410, relating to the establishment of an absentee voting precinct, so as to delete references to the county committee for each political party being responsible for certain election functions; to amend Section 7-15-430, relating to the requirement that an absentee voter must be noted on the registration lists, so as to delete references to county committees; to amend Section 7-15-450, as amended, relating to the application of Article 7, Chapter 15, Title 7, so as to delete references to political parties and any other authorities holding a primary or conducting an election and that the Article applies to any authority conducting an election; and to repeal Sections 7-15-250, 7-15-260, and 7-15-395 relating to the duties of, and expenses incurred by, county committees and political parties in conducting primary elections.

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03/13/96 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary HJ-4

03/20/96 House Objection by Rep. Simrill, Haskins, Robinson, Loftis, Marchbanks, Trotter, Mason & Sandifer HJ-23

03/20/96 House Continued HJ-55

03/20/96 House Roll call Yeas-63 Nays-35 HJ-59