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H 3207 General Bill, By C.Y. Waites, R.A. Barber, H.H. Clyborne, R.S. Corning and P.B. Harris

A Bill to amend Sections 7-11-15, as amended, 7-11-210, 7-13-35, as amended, 7-13-40, as amended, 7-13-50, as amended, 7-13-60, 7-13-70, as amended, 7-13-610, 7-13-830, as amended, 7-15-420, as amended, 7-15-450, 7-17-510, 7-17-520, 7-17-530, 7-17-540, 7-17-550, 7-17-560, 7-17-570, and 7-25-140, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to elections, so as to provide that primaries, except municipal primaries, must be conducted by the State Election Commission and the respective county election commissions, provide for the primary date to be the second Tuesday after the first Monday in September, reissue filing dates and the deadline for the primary pledge, provide for hearing and deciding protests and contests that may arise in the case of members of the State House of Representatives at the state level rather than at the county level, delete certain provisions of law, and change certain provisions regarding the appointment of county commissioners of election; to amend Article 5, Chapter 13, Title 7, relating to ballots for primary elections, by adding Section 7-13-611 so as to provide for the arrangement of every "official county ballot" and of every "official state ballot"; to provide that nothing in this Act or any other provision of law may be construed as prohibiting political parties from conducting Presidential preference primaries; to provide that, in the case of any county which operates its elections through an election and registration commission composed of seven members, the structure and composition are not affected or changed by the provisions of this Act; to repeal Sections 7-9-110, relating to permitting county political party committees to establish a county party election commission for certain purposes, and 7-13-90, relating to the appointment of managers of primaries; and to provide that certain primaries, except municipal primaries, must be conducted by the State Election Commission and the county election commissions on the second Tuesday in June of each general election year.

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