

## Session 118 - (2009-2010)

### H 3587 General Bill, By J.E. Smith

**Summary:** Citizens Participation in Government Act of 2009

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 36, TITLE 15 SO AS TO ENACT THE "CITIZENS PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT ACT OF 2009" AND TO PROVIDE THAT ACTS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO PETITION ARE IMMUNE FROM CIVIL LIABILITY EXCEPT WHEN THE ACTS ARE NOT AIMED AT PROCURING A GOVERNMENTAL OR ELECTORAL ACTION, RESULT, OR OUTCOME, TO PROVIDE EXPEDITED PROCEDURES FOR HEARING MOTIONS IN ACTIONS BROUGHT IN OPPOSITION TO A CITIZEN'S RIGHT TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS TO THE PREVAILING PARTY; AND TO DESIGNATE SECTIONS 15-36-10 THROUGH 15-36-100 AS ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 36 ENTITLED "SOUTH CAROLINA FRIVOLOUS CIVIL PROCEEDINGS SANCTIONS ACT" AND TO REDESIGNATE CHAPTER 36 AS "SANCTIONS".

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