

## Session 118 - (2009-2010)

**H 3633 General Bill, By Clemmons, Harrell, Harrison, Sandifer, Cato, Owens, White, Cooper, Duncan and Bingham  
Similar (S 0022, S 0252, H 3060, H 3068)**

**Summary:** Absentee ballot

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE BY WHICH A QUALIFIED ELECTOR MAY CAST HIS BALLOT IN PERSON WITHOUT EXCUSE DURING AN EARLY VOTING PERIOD; TO ESTABLISH EARLY VOTING CENTERS TO ALLOW A REGISTERED COUNTY RESIDENT TO VOTE OUTSIDE THEIR PRECINCT; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS, THEIR HOURS OF OPERATION, AND REQUIRE THESE LOCATIONS AND TIMES TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 30-4-80; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-330, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE TIME OF APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO DELETE THE AUTHORIZATION THAT AN APPLICATION MAY BE REQUESTED BY A MEMBER OF THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF THE ELECTOR OR AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE AND DELETE THE PROVISION ALLOWING A PERSON TO VOTE IN PERSON BY ABSENTEE BALLOT; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-340, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE FORM OF THE APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, TO REMOVE ALL MENTION OF REASON TO VOTE ABSENTEE, EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN FEDERAL PURPOSES; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-370, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO FURNISHING BALLOTS AND ENVELOPES, TO REMOVE ALL MENTION OF QUALIFICATIONS TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 7-15-470 RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF A COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION TO USE OTHER METHODS OF VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT INSTEAD OF PAPER BALLOT.

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