

## Session 125 - (2023-2024)

**H 3685 General Bill, By Harris, Pace, Magnuson and Kilmartin**

**Similar (S 0403, S 0767, H 3161, H 3472, H 3695)**

**Summary:** Closed primaries

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-115 SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, PROVIDE THAT ONLY AN ELECTOR REGISTERED AS A MEMBER OF A CERTIFIED POLITICAL PARTY MAY VOTE IN THAT PARTY'S PRIMARY OR ADVISORY REFERENDUM UNLESS THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY TAKES ACTION TO ALLOW ELECTORS REGISTERED AS INDEPENDENT VOTERS UNAFFILIATED WITH A POLITICAL PARTY TO PARTICIPATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-110, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF REGISTRATION IN ORDER TO VOTE, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-170, RELATING TO WRITTEN OR ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE, SO AS TO REQUIRE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE APPLICANT'S POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION, IF ANY; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-9-20, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING IN A PARTY'S PARTISAN PRIMARY, SO AS TO INCLUDE REGISTRATION AS A MEMBER OF THE PARTY AS A REQUIREMENT UNLESS THE PARTY HAS TAKEN ACTION TO ALLOW ELECTORS REGISTERED AS INDEPENDENT VOTERS UNAFFILIATED WITH A PARTY TO PARTICIPATE, AND TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR CHANGING POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION OR NONAFFILIATION AFTER A SELECTION HAS BEEN MADE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-40, RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF NAMES BY A POLITICAL PARTY TO BE PLACED ON PRIMARY BALLOTS, SO AS TO ALLOW A POLITICAL PARTY TO REQUIRE A PERSON TO BE REGISTERED AS AFFILIATED WITH THE PARTY TO APPEAR AS A CANDIDATE ON THE PRIMARY BALLOT.

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**03/01/23 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Pace, Magnuson**

**05/03/23 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Kilmartin**