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H 4119 General Bill, By Gunn, Stringer, Ballentine and Millwood

Summary: Judicial Merit Selection Commission

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSION MEMBERS FROM TEN TO ELEVEN, AND TO CHANGE THE MANNER IN WHICH MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED; TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-80, RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OF QUALIFIED JUDICIAL CANDIDATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION APPOINTS ALL QUALIFIED JUDICIAL CANDIDATES TO THE GOVERNOR INSTEAD OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-90, RELATING TO APPROVAL OF JUDICIAL CANDIDATES IN JOINT SESSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A CANDIDATE FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE AND HAS THE SOLE AUTHORITY TO MAKE THIS APPOINTMENT, TO PROVIDE A CANDIDATE FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR MUST BE CONFIRMED BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE IN ORDER TO BE ELECTED, A CANDIDATE FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE MUST RECEIVE AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS OF THE VOTE OF THE MEMBERS OF THESE COMMITTEES.

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