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H*4160 (Rat #0076, Act #0050 of 2025) General Bill, By W. Newton, G.M. Smith, Jordan, Caskey, Bannister, Pope, C. Mitchell and Yow

Summary: Judicial seats, circuit court

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-5-610, RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF THE STATE INTO SIXTEEN JUDICIAL CIRCUITS, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH CIRCUIT, AND THE ELECTION OF AT-LARGE JUDGES WITHOUT REGARD TO COUNTY OR CIRCUIT OF RESIDENCE, SO AS TO CONVERT NINE AT-LARGE CIRCUIT COURT SEATS TO RESIDENT SEATS IN THE THIRD, THIRTEENTH, TWELFTH, FIFTH, NINTH, ELEVENTH, AND SEVENTH CIRCUITS. - RATIFIED TITLE

03/06/25	**House**	**Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 7)**
03/06/25	**House**	**Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 7)**
03/27/25	**House**	**Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Pope**
04/02/25	**House**	**Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 7)**
04/08/25	**House**	**Member(s) request name added as sponsor: C.Mitchell, Yow**
04/08/25	**House**	**Amended (House Journal-page 32)**
04/08/25	**House**	**Read second time (House Journal-page 32)**
04/08/25	**House**	**Roll call Yeas-106 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 37)**
04/09/25	**House**	**Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 22)**
04/09/25	**Senate**	**Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 6)**
04/09/25	**Senate**	**Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 6)**
04/29/25	**Senate**	**Committee report: Favorable Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 18)**
05/01/25	**Senate**	**Read second time**
05/01/25	**Senate**	**Roll call Ayes-24 Nays-14**
05/06/25	**Senate**	**Read third time and enrolled (Senate Journal-page 42)**
05/06/25	**Senate**	**Roll call Ayes-45 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 42)**
05/08/25		**Ratified R 76**
05/12/25		**Signed By Governor**
05/19/25		**Effective date 05/12/25**
05/19/25		**Act No. 50**