

## Session 122 - (2017-2018)

### H 4199 Joint Resolution, By Putnam

#### Summary: Amendment to SC Constitution

A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1, ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE POWER OF THIS STATE VESTED IN TWO BRANCHES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION SUBSEQUENT TO THE APPORTIONMENT FOLLOWING THE 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS, THE LEGISLATIVE POWER OF THIS STATE SHALL BE VESTED IN A UNICAMERAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH ONE BRANCH STYLED THE "HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES", AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS THE SINGLE BRANCH OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL BE PROVIDED BY LAW; PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2, ARTICLE III, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION SUBSEQUENT TO THE APPORTIONMENT FOLLOWING THE 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MUST BE COMPOSED OF MEMBERS ELECTED FOR TERMS OF FOUR YEARS, TO STAGGER THE TERMS OF THOSE MEMBERS INITIALLY ELECTED, AND TO REQUIRE THAT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MUST BE SUBJECT TO RECALL ELECTIONS; PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3, ARTICLE III, RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION SUBSEQUENT TO THE 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL CONSIST OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY MEMBERS, WHICH INCLUDES FORTY-SIX MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE FORMER SENATE DISTRICTS; AND PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 20, 22, 23, AND 25 OF ARTICLE III; AND SECTION 12, ARTICLE IV; SECTION 26, ARTICLE V; SECTION 13, ARTICLE X; SECTION 4, ARTICLE XIII; SECTION 2, ARTICLE XV; AND SECTION 1, ARTICLE XVI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, AND TO DELETE SECTIONS 6, 15, AND 37 OF ARTICLE III; AND SECTIONS 9 AND 10, ARTICLE IV, ALL RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ITS ORGANIZATION, OPERATION, AND PROCEDURES, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO THE "SENATE", "SENATOR", OR SIMILARLY RELATED TERMS.

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