

Session 125 - (2023-2024)

H 4296 General Bill, By White, McCabe, A.M. Morgan, T.A. Morgan, Cromer and S. Jones

**Summary:** Judicial elections and appointments

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-510, RELATING TO ELECTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THESE JUDGES ARE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 14-3-10, RELATING TO COMPOSITION OF THE SUPREME COURT AND ELECTION OF JUSTICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE JUSTICES ARE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 14-5-610, RELATING TO ELECTION OF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE JUDGES ARE ELECTED BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF EACH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OR FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 14-8-20, RELATING TO ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE COURT ARE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO APPOINTMENTS AND TERMS OF MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MAGISTRATES ARE ELECTED BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF EACH COUNTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-16, RELATING TO TRIAL OBSERVATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW MAGISTRATES WHO ARE NOT ATTORNEYS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-2-5, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY EXAMINATIONS FOR MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-2-40, RELATING TO THE NUMBER AND LOCATION OF MAGISTRATES IN COUNTIES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-30, RELATING TO FAMILY COURT JUDGES' QUALIFICATIONS AND TERMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE JUDGES ARE ELECTED BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF EACH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-40, RELATING TO INITIAL ELECTION OF FAMILY COURT JUDGES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY REPEALING CHAPTER 19 OF TITLE 2 RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION AND SECTIONS 22-1-30, 22-2-10, AND 22-2-15 ALL RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT AND SELECTION OF MAGISTRATES.

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