

## Session 122 - (2017-2018)

**H 4379 General Bill, By McCoy, Ott, Lucas, Anderson, Ballentine, Blackwell, Caskey, Crawford, Crosby, Davis, Finlay, Forrester, Gilliard, Hardee, Henegan, Hixon, Mack, Pope, Rutherford, J.E. Smith, Sandifer, Stavrinakis, Erickson, Huggins, W. Newton, Bales, Young, McEachern, Clary, Tallon, Brown, Fry, Robinson-Simpson, V.S. Moss, Clyburn, Bennett, Arrington, Daning, Pendarvis, Govan and Toole**

**Summary:** Utilities Consumer Advocate created in the office of the Attorney General

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1 SO AS TO CREATE THE UTILITIES CONSUMER ADVOCATE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UTILITIES CONSUMER ADVOCATE, AMONG OTHER THINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS MISSION, SO AS TO REMOVE THE PRESERVATION OF THE FINANCIAL INTEGRITY OF THE STATE'S PUBLIC UTILITIES, CONTINUED INVESTMENT, AND MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES FROM THE MISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 58-4-50, RELATING TO REGULATORY STAFF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, SO AS TO ADD THAT THE OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE RESEARCH, EXPERTISE, AND OTHER ASSISTANCE TO THE UTILITIES CONSUMER ADVOCATE AND MAKE OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 58-4-55, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF'S ABILITY TO REQUEST CERTAIN INFORMATION, SO AS TO ADD THAT THE OFFICE SHALL HAVE SUBPOENA POWERS AND THAT THE UTILITIES CONSUMER ADVOCATE MAY REQUEST THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ISSUE SUBPOENAS ON HIS BEHALF, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUESTED INFORMATION UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 58-4-80, RELATING TO INTERVENTION IN CIVIL PROCEEDINGS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ON APPEAL THE OFFICE DOES NOT REPRESENT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

11/09/17	House	Prefiled
11/09/17	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary
01/09/18	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 88)
01/09/18	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 89)
01/10/18	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bennett, Arrington
01/10/18	House	Committee report: Favorable Judiciary (House Journal-page 22)
01/11/18	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Daning
01/16/18	House	Debate adjourned until Wednesday, January 17, 2018
01/23/18	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Pendarvis, Govan, Toole
01/23/18	House	Amended (House Journal-page 38)
01/23/18	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 53)
01/23/18	House	Roll call Yeas-114 Nays-1 (House Journal-page 58)
01/24/18	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 37)
01/24/18		Scrivener's error corrected
01/25/18	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 9)
01/25/18	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary
01/29/18	Senate	Referred to Subcommittee: Rankin (ch), Hutto, Massey, McElveen, Sabb, Gambrell, Climer
05/01/18	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 13)
05/02/18		Scrivener's error corrected
05/08/18	Senate	Special order, set for May 8, 2018 (Senate Journal-page 84)
05/09/18	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 152)
05/09/18	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 152)
05/10/18	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 174)
05/10/18	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 174)
05/10/18	Senate	Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 174)