## Session 112 - (1997-1998)

**H*4824 (Rat #0539, Act #0002 of 1999) General Bill, By Inabinett, Barrett, Battle, Breeland, H. Brown, A.W. Byrd, Canty, Cato, Cave, J.L.M. Cromer, Gourdine, Govan, Hamilton, Harrison, J. Hines, M. Hines, B.L. Jordan, Littlejohn, Lloyd, Maddox, Miller, Moody-Lawrence, J.H. Neal, Rodgers, Seithel, Simrill, Stille, Stuart, Vaughn, Wilkins and Woodrum**

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 7-1-100 SO AS TO REQUIRE LOCAL ELECTORAL BOARDS TO MAKE LOCAL BALLOT QUESTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY NEWS MEDIA AT LEAST FORTY-FIVE DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE REFERENDUM, TO AUTHORIZE THE ELECTORAL BOARD TO INCLUDE A SIMPLIFIED EXPLANATION OF A REFERENDUM QUESTION ON THE BALLOT WHEN IT DETERMINES SUCH AN EXPLANATION NECESSARY, TO REQUIRE THE EXPLANATION TO BE AVAILABLE TO THE MEDIA FORTY-FIVE DAYS IN ADVANCE, TO PROVIDE THAT REFERENDUM RESULTS MAY NOT BE CHALLENGED FOR FAILURE OF A BOARD TO TIMELY IMPLEMENT THIS ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SUPREME COURT HAS ORIGINAL JURISDICTION CHALLENGING A REFERENDUM BASED ON AN EXPLANATION PROVIDED, AND TO EXEMPT REFERENDA IN WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROVIDES THE BALLOT QUESTION.-AMENDED TITLE

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| **03/18/98** | **House** | **Introduced and read first time HJ-20** |
| **03/18/98** | **House** | **Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-20** |
| **04/01/98** | **House** | **Committee report: Favorable Judiciary HJ-6** |
| **04/02/98** | **House** | **Read second time HJ-12** |
| **04/02/98** | **House** | **Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day HJ-13** |
| **04/03/98** | **House** | **Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-2** |
| **04/07/98** | **Senate** | **Introduced and read first time SJ-5** |
| **04/07/98** | **Senate** | **Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-5** |
| **05/28/98** | **Senate** | **Recalled from Committee on Judiciary SJ-6** |
| **06/02/98** | **Senate** | **Amended SJ-71** |
| **06/02/98** | **Senate** | **Read second time SJ-71** |
| **06/02/98** | **Senate** | **Ordered to third reading with notice of amendments SJ-71** |
| **06/03/98** | **Senate** | **Amended** |
| **06/03/98** | **Senate** | **Read third time and returned to House with amendments** |
| **06/04/98** | **House** | **Senate amendment amended HJ-22** |
| **06/04/98** | **House** | **Returned to Senate with amendments HJ-22** |
| **06/04/98** | **Senate** | **Non-concurrence in House amendment SJ-46** |
| **06/04/98** | **House** | **House insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Reps. Inabinett, Knotts & Easterday HJ-193** |
| **06/10/98** | **Senate** | **Conference committee appointed Sens. Moore, Wilson, Ford SJ-2** |
| **06/16/98** | **Senate** | **Free conference powers granted** |
| **06/16/98** | **Senate** | **Free conference committee appointed Sens. Moore, Wilson, Ford** |
| **06/16/98** | **Senate** | **Free conference report received and adopted** |
| **06/16/98** | **House** | **Free conference powers granted HJ-119** |
| **06/16/98** | **House** | **Free conference committee appointed Reps. Inabinett, Knotts & Easterday HJ-121** |
| **06/16/98** | **House** | **Free conference report received and adopted HJ-121** |
| **06/16/98** | **Senate** | **Ordered enrolled for ratification** |
| **06/17/98** | | **Ratified R 539** |
| **01/14/99** | | **Became law without Governor's signature** |
| **01/14/99** | | **Effective date 01/01/99** |
| **01/29/99** | | **Copies available** |
| **03/03/99** | | **Act No. 2** |