

## Session 124 - (2021-2022)

**H 4919 General Bill, By Lucas, B. Newton, Jordan, Simrill, Pope, Hixon, W. Newton, Erickson, Allison, Bailey, Ballentine, Brittain, Bennett, Blackwell, Burns, Bustos, B. Cox, Crawford, Daning, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Hardee, Hewitt, Hiott, Huggins, J.E. Johnson, Ligon, Long, Magnuson, McCravy, McGarry, V.S. Moss, Murphy, Nutt, Sandifer, G.R. Smith, M.M. Smith, G.M. Smith, West, White, Willis, Yow, Taylor, Whitmire, W. Cox, Hyde, Dabney, May, Jones and Wooten**

**Similar (H 3372, H 4150)**

**Summary:** Absentee voting

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-25 SO AS TO ESTABLISH EARLY VOTING IN THE STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-10, RELATING TO METHODS OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT CANDIDATES FROM FILING MORE THAN ONE STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY FOR A SINGLE ELECTION, AND TO PROHIBIT CANDIDATES FROM BEING NOMINATED BY MORE THAN ONE POLITICAL PARTY FOR A SINGLE OFFICE IN AN ELECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-320, RELATING TO BALLOTS AND SPECIFICATIONS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT CANDIDATES' NAMES FROM APPEARING ON THE BALLOT MORE THAN ONCE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 7-15-220 AND 7-15-380, BOTH RELATING TO ABSENTEE BALLOT OATHS, BOTH SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PRINTED NAME OF THE WITNESS IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIRED SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-320, RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN REASONS FOR WHICH ABSENTEE VOTING IS ALLOWED AND ADD A NEW REASON FOR PERSONS WHO ARE GOING TO BE ABSENT FROM THE COUNTY FOR THE DURATION OF THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD AND ELECTION DAY; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-340, RELATING TO THE FORM OF AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE VOTER'S DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER OR OTHER PERSONAL OR UNIQUE IDENTIFYING NUMBER ASSOCIATED WITH A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-385, RELATING TO THE MARKING AND RETURN OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN AUTHORIZED RETURNER TO PRODUCE A CURRENT AND VALID FORM OF GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-420, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE RECEIPT, TABULATION, AND REPORTING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE EXAMINATION OF RETURN-ADDRESSED ENVELOPES TO BEGIN AT 7:00 A.M. ON THE SUNDAY PRECEDING ELECTION DAY, TO ALLOW THE TABULATION OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO BEGIN AT 7:00 A.M. ON THE CALENDAR DAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING ELECTION DAY, AND TO CREATE A PENALTY FOR PUBLIC REPORTING OF THE RESULTS OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS BEFORE THE POLLS ARE CLOSED; BY ADDING SECTION 7-15-325 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY VOTER WHO IS DESIGNATED AS HAVING PREVIOUSLY VOTED ABSENTEE MAY CAST A PROVISIONAL BALLOT ON ELECTION DAY TO BE COUNTED ONLY IF THE VOTER'S ABSENTEE BALLOT IS NOT RECEIVED; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 7-15-470 RELATING TO IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING.

**02/03/22 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 13)**  
**02/03/22 House Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 13)**  
**02/08/22 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Whitmire, W.Cox, Hyde**  
**02/10/22 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Dabney, May**  
**02/23/22 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 50)**  
**02/24/22 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Jones**  
**02/24/22 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). Jordan, Hiott, Yow, Carter, Hixon, Forrest, GR Smith, McGarry, B Newton, Anderson, McDaniel, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Brawley, JL Johnson, Henegan, Henderson-Myers, S Williams, Hart, Garvin, McCravy, Weeks (House Journal-page 33)**  
**02/24/22 Scrivener's error corrected**  
**03/02/22 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Wooten**  
**03/02/22 House Amended (House Journal-page 40)**  
**03/02/22 House Read second time (House Journal-page 40)**  
**03/02/22 House Roll call Yeas-114 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 40)**  
**03/03/22 Scrivener's error corrected**  
**03/03/22 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 13)**  
**03/03/22 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 5)**  
**03/03/22 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 5)**  
**03/10/22 Scrivener's error corrected**  
**03/30/22 Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Campsen (ch), Hutto, Massey, Sabb**

04/12/22 Senate Recalled from Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 4)  
04/12/22 Senate Special order, set for April 12, 2022 (Senate Journal-page 4)  
04/20/22 Senate Amended (Senate Journal-page 46)  
04/20/22 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal-page 46)  
04/20/22 Senate Roll call Ayes-44 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 46)  
04/21/22 Senate Amended (Senate Journal-page 17)  
04/21/22 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 17)  
04/21/22 Senate Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 17)  
04/22/22 Scrivener's error corrected  
04/26/22 House Committed to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 35)