

## Session 112 - (1997-1998)

**S\*0070 (Rat #0052, Act #0035 of 1997) General Bill, By McConnell**

**Similar (H 3235)**

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-100, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY OF RETIRED JUSTICES OR JUDGES TO BE APPOINTED TO SERVE IN COURTS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE JUSTICES OR JUDGES MUST BE FOUND QUALIFIED TO SERVE BY THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION WITHIN FOUR YEARS RATHER THAN TWO YEARS OF THEIR DATE OF APPOINTMENT TO SERVE; TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-110, RELATING TO THE ELIGIBILITY OF PERSONS TO BE APPOINTED AS MASTER-IN-EQUITY AFTER REVIEW BY THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO REVISE THE APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE; TO AMEND THE 1976 CODE BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-120 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION TO SELECT CITIZENS COMMITTEES ON JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR GEOGRAPHIC DISTRICTS SET BY THE COMMISSION AND PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE CITIZENS COMMITTEES; TO AMEND SECTION 9-8-120, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS, AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT A RETIRED JUSTICE OR JUDGE MAKE AN IRREVOCABLE ELECTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WISHES TO ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW OR BE ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT TO SERVE AS A JUSTICE OR JUDGE IN THE COURTS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THIS ELECTION SHALL BE MADE; TO AMEND SECTION 14-11-20, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MASTERS-IN-EQUITY BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO MAKE THIS APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2-19-110 REFERENCED ABOVE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 15-78-60, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS TO WAIVER OF IMMUNITY UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA TORT CLAIMS ACT, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE PERFORMANCE OF ANY DUTY RELATED TO THEIR SERVICE BY MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION AND THE CITIZENS COMMITTEES ON JUDICIAL SELECTION.

**01/14/97 Senate Introduced and read first time SJ-108**  
**01/14/97 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-108**  
**01/30/97 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary SJ-16**  
**02/11/97 Senate Amended SJ-22**  
**02/11/97 Senate Read second time SJ-22**  
**02/11/97 Senate Ordered to third reading with notice of amendments SJ-22**  
**03/05/97 Senate Amended SJ-17**  
**03/05/97 Senate Read third time and sent to House SJ-17**  
**03/06/97 House Introduced and read first time HJ-7**  
**03/06/97 House Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-8**  
**03/25/97 House Recalled from Committee on Judiciary HJ-47**  
**04/01/97 House Amended HJ-31**  
**04/01/97 House Read second time HJ-33**  
**04/02/97 House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments HJ-79**  
**04/08/97 Senate Concurred in House amendment and enrolled SJ-11**  
**04/09/97 Senate Recalled from Legislative Council SJ-2**  
**04/09/97 Senate Reconsidered SJ-2**  
**04/10/97 Senate House amendment amended SJ-4**  
**04/10/97 Senate Returned to House with amendments SJ-4**  
**04/15/97 House Non-concurrence in Senate amendment HJ-1**  
**04/16/97 Senate Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Sens. Moore, Giese, and Passailaigue SJ-3**  
**04/16/97 House Conference committee appointed Reps. Harrison, Delleney & D. Smith HJ-52**  
**05/01/97 House Free conference powers granted HJ-39**  
**05/01/97 House Free conference committee appointed Reps. Harrison, Delleney, & D. Smith HJ-39**  
**05/01/97 House Free conference report received and adopted HJ-40**  
**05/13/97 Senate Free conference powers granted SJ-2**  
**05/13/97 Senate Free conference committee appointed Sens. Moore, Giese, Passailaigue SJ-2**  
**05/13/97 Senate Free conference report received and adopted SJ-2**  
**05/14/97 House Ordered enrolled for ratification HJ-2**  
**05/15/97 Ratified R 52**

**05/21/97**                    **Signed By Governor**  
**05/21/97**                    **Effective date 05/21/97**  
**06/02/97**                    **Copies available**  
**06/02/97**                    **Act No. 35**