

## Session 113 - (1999-2000)

### **S 0947 General Bill, By Holland and Elliott**

#### ***Similar (H 3786)***

**Summary:** Elections, candidates; statements of intention of candidacy, certification and qualifications; Ballot standards, style

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-15, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN AS A CANDIDATE IN A GENERAL ELECTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY MUST CONTAIN A STATEMENT THAT THE CANDIDATE MEETS, OR WILL MEET BY THE TIME OF THE GENERAL ELECTION, THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE PARTICULAR OFFICE SOUGHT; TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-210, RELATING TO NOTICE OF CANDIDACY AND PLEDGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CANDIDATE MUST CERTIFY THAT HE MEETS, OR WILL MEET BY THE TIME OF THE GENERAL ELECTION, THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE PARTICULAR OFFICE SOUGHT; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-40, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF NAMES OF PRIMARY CANDIDATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT POLITICAL PARTIES MUST VERIFY QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-320, RELATING TO BALLOT STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EACH COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF EACH BALLOT STYLE TO BE USED FOR PRIMARY, GENERAL, AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS IN THE ABSENTEE PRECINCT TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER FIRST IN THE CASE OF GENERAL ELECTIONS, AND NOT LATER THAN FORTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE ELECTION IN THE CASE OF SPECIAL AND PRIMARY ELECTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-330, RELATING TO THE FORM OF A GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-350, RELATING TO CERTIFIED CANDIDATES NOMINATED BY PETITION, PRIMARY, OR CONVENTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTIFICATION MUST BE IN WRITING AND MUST BE EFFECTED NOT LATER THAN AUGUST FIFTEENTH, RATHER THAN SEPTEMBER FIRST; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-351, RELATING TO NOMINEES BY PETITION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PETITION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY NOT LATER THAN JULY FIFTEENTH RATHER THAN AUGUST FIRST; TO FURTHER PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION OF EACH COUNTY MUST CERTIFY THE PETITION TO THE AUTHORITY NOT LATER THAN AUGUST FIFTEENTH RATHER THAN SEPTEMBER FIRST; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-352, RELATING TO THE DATE BY WHICH STATEMENTS OF CANDIDACY MUST BE FILED, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DATE FROM NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER FIRST TO NOT LATER THAN AUGUST FIFTEENTH; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-355, RELATING TO THE TIME FOR SUBMITTING A REFERENDUM QUESTION TO THE APPROPRIATE ELECTION COMMISSION FOR SUBMISSION AS A REFERENDUM TO ELECTORS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DATE BY WHICH THE QUESTION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION FROM SEPTEMBER FIRST TO AUGUST FIFTEENTH.

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