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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	S. 0331	Introduced on January 8, 2019
Author:	Davis	
Subject:	Absentee Voting	
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Miller	
Impact Date:	February 28, 2019	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will have no impact on the Judicial Department as the creation of a new election misconduct offense will create few, if any, new cases to be heard within general sessions court. Any expenditure arising from these few cases can be managed within existing appropriations.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill charges a person who is not authorized to return an absentee ballot and who knowingly collects an absentee voter's ballot as guilty of election misconduct. Based on data collected by the South Carolina Judicial Department for FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18, there have only been three election misconduct actions convicted in general sessions court. Based on this data, this bill will cause only a slight, if any, increase in the case load for the Judicial Department and any expenditure impact can be managed within existing appropriations. Therefore, this bill will have no impact on the Judicial Department.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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