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Summary: Designation of representation in magistrates court

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 2/23/2023 House Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** (House Journal‑page 16)

 1/24/2024 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bailey,
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 1/24/2024 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Judiciary** (House Journal‑page 5)

 1/25/2024 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Weeks,
 Schuessler

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 1/25/2024 House Read second time (House Journal‑page 30)

 1/25/2024 House Roll call Yeas-114 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 31)

 1/30/2024 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal‑page 23)

 1/31/2024 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal‑page 8)

 1/31/2024 Senate Referred to Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry** (Senate Journal‑page 8)

 3/27/2024 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Labor, Commerce and Industry** (Senate Journal‑page 18)

 5/8/2024 Senate Recommitted to Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry** (Senate Journal‑page 83)

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Committee Report

March 27, 2024

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Introduced by Reps. Dillard, Hyde, Bailey, Brittain, Weeks and Schuessler

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Read the first time January 31, 2024

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The committee on Senate Labor, Commerce and Industry

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 4029) to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by amending Section 33-1-103, relating to designation of representation in magistrates court, so as to include housing authorities, etc., respectfully

Report:

That they have duly and carefully considered the same, and recommend that the same do pass:

THOMAS DAVIS for Committee.

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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 33-1-103, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCLUDE HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 33-1-103 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 Section 33-1-103. A corporation or partnership, as defined in this section, or a housing authority may designate an employee or principal of the corporation, or partnership, or housing authority to represent it in magistrates' court. This designation must be in writing and must be submitted to the magistrate at the time the initial pleading in the case is filed by the party. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 5 of Title 40 or any other provision of law, the person so designated, while representing the corporation, or partnership or housing authority in magistrates' court, is not engaging in the unauthorized practice of law.

 As used in this section, a corporation or partnership is defined as a general partnership, a limited liability partnership, a limited liability company, a limited partnership, a professional association, a professional corporation, a nonprofit corporation, a business corporation, or a statutory close corporation.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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