



# SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

## STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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<b>Bill Number:</b>	S.0271	Introduced on January 28, 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	PSC Elections	
<b>Requestor:</b>	Senate Judiciary	
<b>RFA Analyst(s):</b>	Manic	
<b>Impact Date:</b>	February 4, 2025	

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### Fiscal Impact Summary

This joint resolution suspends the provision in SC Code Section 58-3-20(C) prohibiting the 126<sup>th</sup> South Carolina General Assembly from holding an election of members of the Public Service Commission (PSC) until a final determination is made by the courts regarding the review of congressional districts' compliance with statutory or constitutional requirements.

PSC indicates that the joint resolution will not have an expenditure impact on the agency as it can perform the requirements of the joint resolution in the normal course of business.

### Explanation of Fiscal Impact

#### Introduced on January 28, 2025

##### State Expenditure

This joint resolution suspends the provision in SC Code Section 58-3-20(C) prohibiting the 126<sup>th</sup> South Carolina General Assembly from holding an election of members of the PSC until a final determination is made by the courts regarding the review of congressional districts' compliance with statutory or constitutional requirements. Current legislation stipulates that the General Assembly must provide for the election of a seven-member commission and elects the members based on the congressional districts pursuant to the latest official United States Decennial Census. Further, current legislation states that if congressional districts established by the General Assembly are under review by a court for compliance with statutory or constitutional requirements, an election shall not be held until a final determination is made by the courts.

PSC indicates that currently there is one Commissioner vacancy in District Four. The agency further explains that the joint resolution will not have an expenditure impact as the agency already has appropriated the funds for all seven Commissioners and that it can perform the requirements of the joint resolution in the normal course of business.

##### State Revenue

N/A

##### Local Expenditure and Local Revenue

N/A

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