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S*1095 (Rat #0362, Act #0373 of 1998) General Bill, By Senate Judiciary
Similar (S 1033, S 1038, S 1077, H 4456)

A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 13, CHAPTER 7 OF TITLE 14, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO GRAND JURIES, SO AS TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE CONCERNING THE DRAWING OF GRAND JURORS, TO DELETE CERTAIN OBSOLETE PROVISIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE NUMBER OF GRAND JURORS TO BE DRAWN BY THE JURY COMMISSIONERS MUST BE A NUMBER WHICH THE CLERK OF COURT OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE FOR THE CIRCUIT HAS DETERMINED TO BE SUFFICIENT IN ORDER TO IMPANEL A GRAND JURY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON COMPLETING HIS SERVICE AS A GRAND JUROR, INCLUDING ANY SERVICE AS A HOLDOVER GRAND JUROR, IS EXEMPT FROM ANY FURTHER JURY SERVICE IN ANY COURT OF THIS STATE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE CALENDAR YEARS; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 7 OF TITLE 14, RELATING TO JURIES AND JURORS IN CIRCUIT COURT, BY ADDING ARTICLE 17, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD FOR SELECTING AND IMPANELING GRAND JURIES IN WHICH GRAND JURORS SHALL SERVE TERMS OF SIX MONTHS RATHER THAN ONE YEAR AND MAY HOLD OVER FOR ONE ADDITIONAL SIX-MONTH TERM, TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING AND IMPANELING SUCH JURORS UNDER THIS ALTERNATIVE METHOD, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON COMPLETING HIS SERVICE AS A GRAND JUROR UNDER THIS ALTERNATIVE METHOD, INCLUDING ANY SERVICE AS A HOLDOVER GRAND JUROR, IS EXEMPT FROM ANY FURTHER JURY SERVICE IN ANY COURT OF THIS STATE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE CALENDAR YEARS.

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