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S*1126 (Rat #0427, Act #0412 of 1998) General Bill, By Leventis and Land

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 5-15-70, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DUTY OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPALITY TO ENACT ORDINANCES REGARDING TIME REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINATIONS AND PRIMARIES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF DAYS BY WHICH A PARTY SHALL CERTIFY THE CANDIDACY TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION, CHANGE THE NUMBER OF DAYS BY WHICH A CANDIDATE MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY WITH THE COMMISSION, CHANGE THE NUMBER OF DAYS BY WHICH A CANDIDATE MUST FILE A PETITION WITH THE MUNICIPAL CLERK PRIOR TO THE ELECTION, CHANGE THE NUMBER OF DAYS BY WHICH THE COMMISSION SHALL EXAMINE THE PETITION AND DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY, DELETE SPECIAL ELECTIONS FROM THIS SECTION, ESTABLISH THE FILING DEADLINES FOR NONPARTISAN SPECIAL ELECTIONS, AND PROVIDE THAT FOR PARTISAN SPECIAL ELECTIONS, PETITIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-13-190(B); TO AMEND SECTION 5-15-110, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CANDIDATES NOMINATED BY PETITION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF DAYS BY WHICH A CANDIDATE SHALL FILE A PETITION WITH THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION AND TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF DAYS BY WHICH THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE THE VALIDITY OF THE PETITION, AND DELETE SPECIAL ELECTIONS FROM THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 5-15-145, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MUNICIPALITY MAY BY ORDINANCE SET THE FILING DATES AND THE DATE BY WHICH CANDIDATES MUST BE CERTIFIED FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICES TO RUN CONCURRENTLY WITH THE FILING DATES SET BY LAW FOR COUNTYWIDE AND LESS THAN COUNTYWIDE OFFICES; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-190, RELATING TO PARTISAN SPECIAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SEEKING NOMINATIONS BY PETITION AND FOR VERIFICATION OF THE PETITION; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-350, RELATING TO THE PLACING ON THE BALLOT OF CERTIFIED CANDIDATES NOMINATED BY PETITION, PRIMARY, OR CONVENTION, SO AS TO ADD MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO THIS PROVISION, AND CHANGE THE NUMBER OF DAYS BY WHICH THE NAMES OF THE NOMINEES MUST BE PLACED ON THE APPROPRIATE BALLOT; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-351, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO NOMINEES BY PETITION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF DAYS BY WHICH THE PETITION OF A CANDIDATE IN A SPECIAL OR MUNICIPAL ELECTION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE AUTHORITY CHARGED WITH PRINTING THE BALLOT, AND CHANGE THE NUMBER OF DAYS BY WHICH THE BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION MUST CERTIFY THE RESULTS: AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-352, RELATING TO A CANDIDATE FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICE WHO QUALIFIES BY STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY, SO AS TO INCLUDE MUNICIPAL OFFICES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 7-7-1000 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A MUNICIPALITY MAY POOL ITS PRECINCTS FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.-AMENDED TITLE

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03/18/98	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-3
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04/07/98	Senate	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day SJ-9
04/08/98	Senate	Read third time and sent to House SJ-26
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