

## Session 115 - (2003-2004)

### H 3123 General Bill, By J.E. Smith

**Summary:** Citizens Participation in Government Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 36, TITLE 15 SO AS TO ENACT THE "CITIZENS PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT ACT OF 2003" AND PROVIDE THAT ACTS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO PETITION ARE IMMUNE FROM CIVIL LIABILITY EXCEPT WHEN THE ACTS ARE NOT AIMED AT PROCURING A GOVERNMENTAL OR ELECTORAL ACTION, RESULT, OR OUTCOME, TO PROVIDE EXPEDITED PROCEDURES FOR HEARING MOTIONS IN ACTIONS BROUGHT IN OPPOSITION TO A CITIZEN'S RIGHT TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS TO THE PREVAILING PARTY; AND TO DESIGNATE SECTIONS 15-36-10 THROUGH 15-36-50 AS ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 36 AND TO RENAME CHAPTER 36 "SANCTIONS".

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