

## Session 117 - (2007-2008)

### H 3245 General Bill, By House Ethics

**Summary:** Ethics Committee investigations and hearings

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-540, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ETHICS COMMITTEE INVESTIGATIONS AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT INVESTIGATIONS AND RECORDS RELATING TO A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION ARE CONFIDENTIAL, TO ALLOW PUBLIC RELEASE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND RECORDS IF A RESPONDENT REQUESTS THEIR RELEASE OR THE COMMITTEE RENDERS A PUBLIC OPINION, AND TO CREATE A PENALTY FOR WILFUL RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-710 AND 8-13-1120, BOTH AS AMENDED, BOTH RELATING TO CONTENTS OF A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE DISCLOSURE OF ANYTHING OF VALUE WORTH A SPECIFIED AMOUNT GIVEN UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1302, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CAMPAIGN RECORDS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A CANDIDATE DISCLOSE THE OCCUPATION OF A DONOR; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CONTRIBUTIONS MADE AFTER A PRIMARY, SPECIAL, OR GENERAL ELECTION, SO AS TO ALLOW A DONOR TO DESIGNATE THAT A CONTRIBUTION APPLY TO THE NEXT ELECTION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1510, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PENALTIES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY TO WAIVE THE CIVIL PENALTY IN ITS DISCRETION.

**01/16/07 House Introduced, read first time, placed on calendar without reference HJ-5**

**01/18/07 House Debate adjourned until Tuesday, January 23, 2007 HJ-8**

**01/23/07 House Recommitted to Committee on Ethics HJ-12**