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H 3281 General Bill, By Wilkins, H. Brown, J. Brown, Cato, Harrison, Haskins, Sharpe and Townsend Similar (S 0064)

A BILL TO RATIFY AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE OR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND TO RATIFY AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1, ARTICLE VI RELATING TO THE ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE OF ANY PERSON POPULARLY ELECTED TO ANY OFFICE OF THIS STATE OR THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON IS ELIGIBLE FOR THESE OFFICES WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR A VIOLATION OF CERTAIN ELECTION LAWS, INCLUDING A PLEA OR GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE TO THESE OFFENSES, AND PROVIDE THAT THIS PROHIBITION DOES NOT APPLY TO A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN PARDONED UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR TO A PERSON WHO FILES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE FIFTEEN YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE COMPLETION DATE OF SERVICE OF THE SENTENCE, INCLUDING PROBATION AND PAROLE TIME, NOR SHALL ANY PERSON SERVING IN OFFICE PRIOR TO THE RATIFICATION OF THESE AMENDMENTS BE REQUIRED TO VACATE THE OFFICE TO WHICH HE IS ELECTED.

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