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H 3521 General Bill, By Cobb-Hunter and Atkinson Similar (S 0311)

Summary: Elected position vacancy due to conviction

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-200 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN ELECTED LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL PUBLIC OFFICIAL WHOSE OFFICE IS DECLARED VACANT DUE TO A CRIMINAL CONVICTION DURING THE OFFICIAL'S TERM OF OFFICE SHALL REIMBURSE THE APPROPRIATE STATE OR LOCAL ELECTIONS AUTHORITY FOR THE ACTUAL COSTS OF HOLDING THE ENSUING PRIMARY, RUNOFF PRIMARY, OR SPECIAL ELECTION NECESSITATED BY THE OFFICIAL'S REMOVAL FROM OFFICE PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF HIS TERM; TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDING JUDGE BEFORE WHOM AN INCUMBENT ELECTED LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL PUBLIC OFFICIAL WAS CONVICTED TO ORDER THE OFFICIAL TO PAY, COMPENSATE, OR REIMBURSE THE APPROPRIATE STATE OR LOCAL ELECTIONS AUTHORITY FOR THE ACTUAL COSTS OF HOLDING THE ENSUING PRIMARY, RUNOFF PRIMARY, OR SPECIAL ELECTION; AND TO REQUIRE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE CIRCUIT SOLICITOR TO ASK THE PRESIDING JUDGE TO INCLUDE AN ORDER REQUIRING THE ELECTED LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO PAY, COMPENSATE, OR REIMBURSE THE APPROPRIATE STATE OR LOCAL ELECTIONS AUTHORITY FOR THE ACTUAL COSTS OF HOLDING THE ENSUING PRIMARY, RUNOFF PRIMARY, OR SPECIAL ELECTION.

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