

Session 121 - (2015-2016)

H 4402 General Bill, By Corley

Summary: Nominations for candidates for the office of family court judge

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-10, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO METHODS OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF FAMILY COURT JUDGE MUST BE NOMINATED IN THE PARTISAN PRIMARY PRECEDING THE PARTISAN ELECTION IN WHICH THE CANDIDATES' NAMES WILL BE LISTED ON THE BALLOT; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-10, RELATING TO THE TIME OF THE GENERAL ELECTION, SO AS TO INCLUDE FAMILY COURT JUDGES AMONG THOSE WHO MUST BE ELECTED AT THE TIME OF THE GENERAL ELECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-15, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DATE OF PRIMARY ELECTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICE OF FAMILY COURT JUDGE MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THOSE OFFICES WHOSE CANDIDATES ARE NOMINATED IN THE POLITICAL PRIMARIES THAT ARE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY IN JUNE OF EACH GENERAL ELECTION YEAR; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-100, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE ETHICS, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OFFICE OF FAMILY COURT JUDGE WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF "ELECTIVE OFFICE"; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1300, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE CAMPAIGN PRACTICES PROVISIONS OF THE ETHICS, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OFFICE OF FAMILY COURT JUDGE WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF "ELECTIVE OFFICE"; TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-30, RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS, ELECTION AND TERMS OF FAMILY COURT JUDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FAMILY COURT JUDGES MUST BE POPULARLY ELECTED FROM THE JUDICIAL CIRCUITS BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF EACH CIRCUIT FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS IN A PARTISAN ELECTION AND TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES MUST BE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF FAMILY COURT JUDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE AT-LARGE FAMILY COURT JUDGES WHO ARE ELECTED WITHOUT REGARD TO THEIR COUNTY OR CIRCUIT OF RESIDENCE MUST BE POPULARLY ELECTED BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE STATE IN A PARTISAN ELECTION FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS.

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