**South Carolina General Assembly**

123rd Session, 2019-2020

**S. 1204**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

General Bill

Sponsors: Senators Campsen, Kimpson, Setzler, Bennett, Turner, Grooms, Davis, Rice, Campbell, Gambrell, Goldfinch, Climer, Sabb, Talley, Young, Williams, Hembree, Johnson, Fanning, Verdin and Shealy

Document Path: l:\council\bills\cc\15770zw20.docx

Companion/Similar bill(s): 5483

Introduced in the Senate on May 12, 2020

Currently residing in the Senate

Summary: Absentee ballot

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

Date Body Action Description with journal page number

5/12/2020 Senate Introduced, read first time, placed on calendar without reference ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\sj\20200512.docx))

View the latest [legislative information](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=1204&session=123&summary=B) at the website

**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

[5/12/2020](file:///p:\pprever\2019-20\1204_20200512.docx)

[5/12/2020-A](file:///p:\pprever\2019-20\1204_20200512A.docx)

INTRODUCED

May 12, 2020

**S. 1204**

Introduced by Senators Campsen, Kimpson, Setzler, Bennett, Turner, Grooms, Davis, Rice, Campbell, Gambrell, Goldfinch, Climer, Sabb, Talley, Young, Williams, Hembree, Johnson, Fanning and Verdin

S. Printed 5/12/20--S.

Read the first time May 12, 2020.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 7‑15‑320, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A QUALIFIED ELECTOR MUST BE PERMITTED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT IN AN ELECTION IF THE QUALIFIED ELECTOR’S PLACE OF RESIDENCE OR POLLING PLACE IS LOCATED IN AN AREA SUBJECT TO A STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR AND THERE ARE FEWER THAN FORTY‑SIX DAYS REMAINING UNTIL THE DATE OF THE ELECTION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 7‑15‑320 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately lettered subsection at the end to read:

“( ) A qualified elector must be permitted to vote by absentee ballot in an election if the qualified elector’s place of residence or polling place is located in an area subject to a state of emergency declared by the Governor and there are fewer than forty‑six days remaining until the date of the election.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑