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**H. 3313**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

General Bill

Sponsors: Rep. Jordan

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Introduced in the House on January 10, 2023

Introduced in the Senate on April 27, 2023

Currently residing in the House

Summary: Florence County Register of Deeds

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

Date Body Action Description with journal page number

12/8/2022 House Prefiled

12/8/2022 House Referred to Committee on **Judiciary**

1/10/2023 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 130](h:\hj\20230110.docx))

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4/19/2023 House Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 23](h:\hj\20230419.docx))

4/26/2023 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 25](h:\hj\20230426.docx))

4/26/2023 House Roll call Yeas-109 Nays-0 ([House Journal‑page 26](h:\hj\20230426.docx))

4/27/2023 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 7](h:\hj\20230427.docx))

4/27/2023 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 5](h:\sj\20230427.docx))

4/27/2023 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 5](h:\sj\20230427.docx))

4/8/2024 Senate Referred to Subcommittee: M.Johnson (ch), Sabb,
Talley, Adams, Devine

5/1/2024 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 6](h:\sj\20240501.docx))

5/8/2024 Senate Read second time

5/8/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-44 Nays-0

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

[12/08/2022](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess125_2023-2024/prever/3313_20221208.docx)

[04/19/2023](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess125_2023-2024/prever/3313_20230419.docx)

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Committee Report

May 01, 2024

H. 3313

Introduced by Rep. Jordan

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Read the first time April 27, 2023

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The committee on Senate Judiciary

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 3313) to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by amending Section 30‑5‑10, relating to the performance of the duties of a register of deeds, so as to add Florence County, etc., respectfully

Report:

That they have duly and carefully considered the same, and recommend that the same do pass:

LUKE RANKIN for Committee.

statement of estimated fiscal impact

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Local Expenditure

This bill adds Florence County to those counties exempt from the requirement that duties prescribed by law for the register of deeds must be performed by the clerk of court. The bill also provides that the register of deeds will be appointed by the governing body of the county. Based upon a revised response, Florence County indicates that the bill will have no expenditure impact.

*This section of the impact statement has been updated to include a revised response from Florence County.*

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Florence County indicates that this bill will increase the county’s expenses by approximately $8,000 for supplies, tort insurance, equipment leases, and travel to create a Register of Deeds office. Additionally, the County anticipates a salary increase of approximately $27,000 will be required for the current deputy clerk of court to move into the new Register of Deeds position. However, Florence County intends to offset the cost of the salary increase with savings resulting from attrition in the Clerk of Court’s office in the amount of approximately $17,500. Therefore, RFA anticipates that this bill may increase overall expenditures for Florence County by an estimated $17,500, potentially beginning in FY 2024-25.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

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A bill

to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by amending Section 30‑5‑10, relating to THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DUTIES OF A REGISTER OF DEEDS, so as to ADD FLORENCE COUNTY TO THE COUNTIES EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT THESE DUTIES BE PERFORMED BY THE CLERK OF COURT; and by amending Section 30‑5‑12, relating to THE APPOINTMENT OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES, so as to ADD FLORENCE COUNTY TO THE COUNTIES WHERE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY APPOINTS THE REGISTER OF DEEDS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 30‑5‑10(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) In every county in the State other than Aiken, Anderson, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Cherokee, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Greenville, Horry, Jasper, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lexington, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Spartanburg, and Sumter the duties prescribed by law for the register of deeds must be performed by the clerk of court who has all the powers and emoluments given the register of deeds in Aiken, Anderson, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Cherokee, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Greenville, Horry, Jasper, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lexington, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Spartanburg, and Sumter counties.

SECTION 2. Section 30‑5‑12(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) The governing bodies of Anderson, Beaufort, Cherokee, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Jasper, Kershaw, Lancaster, Oconee, Orangeburg, and Pickens counties shall appoint the register of deeds for its county under terms and conditions as it may agree upon.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect on January 1, 2025.

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