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Summary: Judicial Merit Selection Commission Membership

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 Trantham, Landing, Bustos, Hartnett, B.J.
 Cox, S. Jones, A.M. Morgan, T.A. Morgan, May

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 Dillard, Willis, McDaniel, King

 4/26/2023 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Magnuson

 4/27/2023 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Gibson,
 Hager, O'Neal

 5/2/2023 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Wooten,
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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2‑19‑10, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR APPOINT SIX MEMBERS ON THE COMMISSION, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE APPOINT TWO MEMBERS, AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPOINT TWO MEMBERS, AND TO PROHIBiT A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE WHO IS ALSO A LAWYER FROM BEING APPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2-19-10(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 (B) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Judicial Merit Selection Commission shall consist of the following individuals:

 (1) five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and of these appointments:

 (a) three members must be serving members of the General Assembly; and

 (b) two members must be selected from the general public;

 (2) three members, appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, who must be serving members of the Senate; and

 (3) two members, appointed by the President of the Senate, who must be selected from the general public.

 (1) six members appointed by the Governor, of which at least one member must be recommended by the South Carolina Bar Association and at least one member must be recommended by the South Carolina Sheriff’s Association;

 (2) two members appointed by the President of the Senate; and

 (3) two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

A member of the legislature who is also a lawyer must not be appointed to serve as a member of the commission.

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

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