

## Session 121 - (2015-2016)

### **S 1196 General Bill, By L. Martin**

**Summary:** School closings and consolidations

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-165 SO AS TO REQUIRE EACH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TO PROVIDE ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTICE OF WHICH, IF ANY, SCHOOLS IT PLANS TO CLOSE OR CONSOLIDATE, TO PROVIDE A VOTE BY A BOARD TO CLOSE OR CONSOLIDATE A SCHOOL MUST BE STAYED BY A PETITION OF AT LEAST TEN PERCENT OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUBMITTED NOT MORE THAN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE VOTE, TO PROVIDE THIS PETITION MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION, TO PROVIDE IF THE PETITION IS SO CERTIFIED THE CLOSURE OR CONSOLIDATION PLAN MAY PROCEED BUT OTHERWISE MAY NOT WITHOUT REFERENDUM APPROVAL THAT THE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MAY SEEK, AND TO PROVIDE THE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ALSO MAY RESCIND ITS CLOSURE OR CONSOLIDATION VOTE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-17-50, RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; AND TO MAKE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT APPLICABLE TO SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND SCHOOL CONSOLIDATIONS THAT OCCUR AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2015.

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