

Session 110 - (1993-1994)

S 1351 General Bill, By Senate Judiciary

A Bill to amend Chapter 5, Title 7, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Article 4, so as to designate voter registration agencies to provide certain services regarding voter registration to facilitate this process, to provide for a procedure by which a valid voter registration form may be completed at the Department of Revenue, Division of Motor Vehicles, to provide a procedure for an elector to vote at a polling place when they have moved and have not reregistered in the precinct in which they reside, and to enumerate the powers of the State Election Commission in implementing the provisions of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993; to amend Section 7-3-20, relating to the responsibilities of the Executive Director of the State Election Commission, so as to delete the requirement that the Executive Director delete the name of any elector who is no longer qualified to vote in the precinct where he is currently registered and the name of an elector who has failed to vote in each of two consecutive statewide elections, and provide that the Executive Director serve as the Chief State Election Official responsible for implementing and coordinating the State's responsibilities under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993; to amend Section 7-3-30, relating to the notice of deletion of an elector's name from the roster of electors, so as to delete certain archaic references and references to provisions which are being eliminated pursuant to the provisions of this Act, and provide that if the deletion is for conviction, an appeal by an elector that his name has been deleted from the roster must be to the Executive Director of the State Election Commission; to amend Section 7-5-155, relating to the registration of an elector by mail, so as to authorize a person to register a vote by mailing or having delivered a completed State registration by mail application form or a completed national registration by mail application form prescribed by the Federal Election Commission, to reduce from forty-five to thirty days the time required before any election to file this application form, to provide that if the postmark of the application is missing or illegible the County Board of Voter Registration shall accept the application if it is received by mail no later than five days after the close of the registration books before the election, to delete the provisions requiring the application to be witnessed by a qualified elector, and to add certain references to voter registration agencies being designated under the provisions of Section 7-5-310; to amend Section 7-5-440, relating to the requirement that an elector's name must appear on the list of voters in order to be eligible to vote, so as to establish a procedure by which a qualified elector who has moved from one address to another and has failed to notify the County Board of Voter Registration of a change of address to vote; to amend Section 7-7-720, relating to certificates which must be mailed to persons whose registration is transferred, so as to change the procedure by which an elector's name may be deleted from the master file; to amend Section 7-7-910, relating to the place registered electors are required to vote, so as to provide that the Section is also subject to the provisions of Section 7-5-440 and delete the provisions which require an elector to vote at the voting place nearest to his residence within the ward or other subdivision of his residence and to provide that he must vote at his designated polling place; to amend Section 7-13-830, as amended, relating to the procedure which must be used when a voter is challenged, so as to add a provision which requires the authority in charge to examine each ballot in question and count only that portion of the ballot which appears on the ballot in the precinct in which the elector resides; to amend Section 30-4-40, as amended, relating to the items which are exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, so as to add completed voter registration application forms; and to amend Section 7-13-810, as amended, relating to the powers of the managers of elections, so as to add a provision which would authorize any candidate to protest an election in which he is a candidate pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-17-30, when the protest is based in whole or in part on evidence discovered after the election, and provide what this evidence may include.

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