

## Session 115 - (2003-2004)

### H 3238 General Bill, By Jennings, Altman, Bailey and Bales

#### *Similar (H 3237)*

**Summary:** Biennial state budget; zero based-budget; sine die provisions and shortening legislative session

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-1-180, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE MANDATORY SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT DATE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AFTER CONVENING OF THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL MEET IN LOCAL SESSION ONLY FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY CALENDAR DAYS IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING IN COMMITTEE A BIENNIAL STATE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS SHALL ADJOURN SINE DIE NOT LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON THE FIRST THURSDAY IN MAY, TO PROVIDE THAT IN ANY ODD-NUMBERED YEAR BEGINNING IN 2005 IN WHICH THE BIENNIAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT IS GIVEN THIRD READING BEFORE MARCH THIRTY-FIRST BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE DATE OF SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT FOR THAT YEAR IS SHORTENED BY ONE STATEWIDE DAY FOR EACH STATEWIDE DAY BEFORE MARCH THIRTY-FIRST THAT THE ACT IS GIVEN THIRD READING BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 2-7-60, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH ITS 2005 SESSION FOR THE ENSUING TWO FISCAL YEARS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ENACT A BIENNIAL STATE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO REQUIRE THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INCLUDING ITS APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO USE A "ZERO-BASE" BUDGET PROCESS IN THE PREPARATION OF THE BIENNIAL STATE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN CRITERIA WHICH MUST BE USED IN THIS ZERO-BASE BUDGET PROCESS.

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