

## Session 122 - (2017-2018)

### H 3302 General Bill, By Hill, Magnuson and G.M. Smith

**Summary:** Candidates for Magistrate's Court

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-115 SO AS TO REQUIRE CANDIDATES FOR MAGISTRATES COURT TO BE SCREENED BY THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION BEFORE THEY MAY BE APPOINTED, TO PROVIDE HOW A VACANCY MAY OCCUR, AND TO ESTABLISH THAT THE SCREENING PROCESS MAY BEGIN BEFORE THE ACTUAL DATE OF A VACANCY; TO AMEND SECTIONS 2-19-10, 2-19-20, 2-19-35, 2-19-70, 2-19-80, AND 2-19-90, ALL RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO ALTER THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION AND TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO RELEASE A LIST OF ALL QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RATHER THAN NOMINATING CANDIDATES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 22-1-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT AND JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MAGISTRATES MUST BE SCREENED BY THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION AND TO DELETE LANGUAGE ALLOWING A MAGISTRATES' TERM TO CONTINUE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED.

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