

Session 118 - (2009-2010)

S 0334 General Bill, By Campsen, Grooms, Rose and Campbell

Summary: Election Reform Act

A BILL TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTION REFORM ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 7-1-60 OF 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EACH OFFICE AS A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT OFFICE, TO PROVIDE THAT A CANDIDATE'S NAME MAY ONLY APPEAR ON THE BALLOT ONCE FOR THE SAME OFFICE; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-72, RELATING TO POLL MANAGERS, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR A PERSON TO BE APPOINTED A POLL MANAGER, TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS APPOINTED AS POLL MANAGERS SHOULD BE FAIRLY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TWO LARGEST POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE COUNTY TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, AND TO ALLOW POLL MANAGERS TO SERVE LESS THAN THE ENTIRE TIME THE POLLS ARE OPEN; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-410, TO REQUIRE AN EARLY VOTING PRECINCT IN EACH COUNTY TO ALLOW ELECTORS TO VOTE DURING THE FOUR WEEKS PRECEDING AN ELECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-710, RELATING TO THE IDENTIFICATION A PERSON MUST PRESENT IN ORDER TO VOTE, TO REQUIRE A PERSON TO PRESENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION OR EXECUTE AN AFFIDAVIT INDICATING THAT THE PERSON HAS A RELIGIOUS OBJECTION TO BEING PHOTOGRAPHED; TO AMEND SECTIONS 7-25-20, 7-25-70, AND 7-25-120, ALL RELATING TO VIOLATIONS OF THE ELECTION LAWS, TO PROVIDE THAT A FIRST OFFENSE IS A MISDEMEANOR AND ANY SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE IS A FELONY, AND TO IMPOSE UNIFORM PENALTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 7-25-110, RELATING TO VOTING TWICE IN ONE ELECTION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFENSE MUST BE DONE KNOWINGLY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO CAST A VOTE FOR ANY OFFICE IN THIS STATE FOR WHICH RESIDENCY IN A PARTICULAR PRECINCT OR DISTRICT IS REQUIRED IF THE PERSON HAS VOTED IN OR INTENDS TO VOTE FOR ANOTHER SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR OFFICE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-25-190, RELATING TO GENERAL OFFENSES AGAINST THE ELECTION LAWS, TO PROVIDE FOR A UNIFORM FINE.

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