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H 3529 General Bill, By D. Smith

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Summary: Equalization of Defendants' and Victims' Rights Act of 1999, Juries and jurors, Courts, Crimes and Offenses

A BILL TO ENACT "THE EQUALIZATION OF DEFENDANTS' AND VICTIMS' RIGHTS ACT OF 1999", INCLUDING PROVISIONS TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-130, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PREPARATION OF CIRCUIT COURT JURY LISTS FROM A TAPE OF THOSE PERSONS HOLDING A VALID SOUTH CAROLINA DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD, SO AS TO DELETE THIS PROVISION AND PROVIDE THAT THESE JURY LISTS MUST BE PREPARED BY THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION FROM THE NAMES OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE COUNTY; TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-810, RELATING TO THE ENUMERATION OF DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR JURY SERVICE, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PERSON CONVICTED OF A CRIME PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR MORE THAN SIXTY DAYS IS NOT QUALIFIED TO SERVE ON A JURY; TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1010, RELATING TO THE ASCERTAINMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF JURORS BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT JURORS DISCLOSE ANY PENDING CRIMINAL CHARGES, IF ANY, TO THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF GENERAL SESSIONS COURT, AND TO PROVIDE FURTHER THAT THE JUDGE SHALL DISQUALIFY A JUROR WHO HAS CRIMINAL CHARGES PENDING IN GENERAL SESSIONS COURT IN ANY CIRCUIT OF THE STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1110, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES FOR DEFENDANTS AND THE STATE IN CRIMINAL CASES, SO AS TO EQUALIZE THE NUMBER OF PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES ALLOWED TO DEFENDANTS AND THE STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1120, RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES OF ALTERNATE JURORS IN CRIMINAL CASES, SO AS TO EQUALIZE THE NUMBER OF PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES ALLOWED TO DEFENDANTS AND THE STATE; TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 17, RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR CRIMINAL PROCEDURES BY ADDING SECTION 17-1-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE COURT SHALL ORDER THE DEFENSE TO PRODUCE ITS PROSPECTIVE WITNESS LIST UPON REQUEST OF THE PROSECUTION IF THE PROSECUTION IS REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE ITS PROSPECTIVE WITNESS LIST TO THE DEFENDANT; TO AMEND SECTION 17-19-20, RELATING TO THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE INDICTMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUFFICIENCY OF AN INDICTMENT CHARGING A PERSON WITH THE COMMISSION OF MORE THAN ONE CRIME.

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