

## Session 117 - (2007-2008)

**H 3801 General Bill, By E.H. Pitts, Taylor, Cotty, Huggins, Bingham, Frye, Ballentine, Bedingfield, Stewart, G.R. Smith, Davenport, Leach, Anthony, Bales, Branham, Duncan, Hagood, Hamilton, Hardwick, Harrison, Herbkersman, Kelly, Kennedy, Lucas, Mulvaney, Owens, Rice, Scarborough, Shoopman, Skelton, Spires, Talley and Toole**

**Summary:** Sine die adjournment

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 FOR 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 AN ODD-NUMBERED YEAR BEGINNING IN 2009 IN WHICH THE BIENNIAL STATE 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 2009 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.

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