

Session 115 - (2003-2004)

H 4783 General Bill, By W.D. Smith, Simrill, Leach, Owens, Vaughn, Barfield, Cato, Chellis, Edge, Emory, Haskins, Keegan, Littlejohn, Perry, Rice, Richardson, Skelton, G.R. Smith, J.R. Smith, Thompson, Tripp, Viers, White, Bailey, Taylor and Wilkins

Summary: Jury selection

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-130, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PREPARATION OF A JURY LIST FROM THE LIST OF PERSONS HOLDING A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE, SO AS TO CHANGE THE JURY LIST TO THE LIST OF REGISTERED VOTERS; TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-810, RELATING TO DISQUALIFICATIONS OF JURORS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DISQUALIFICATION FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF A CRIME PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR TO A CRIME PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT OF THIRTY DAYS OR MORE AND TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL DISQUALIFICATION FOR A PERSON WHO HAS CRIMINAL CHARGES PENDING; TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1110, AS AMENDED, AND SECTION 14-7-1120, BOTH RELATING TO PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE PROSECUTION THE SAME NUMBER OF PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES AS THE DEFENSE IN CRIMINAL CASES; AND TO ADD SECTION 14-7-1122 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR WRITTEN VOIR DIRE OF JURORS AND TO DIRECT THE SUPREME COURT TO PROMULGATE RULES TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR WRITTEN VOIR DIRE AND TO CREATE THE JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE FORM.

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02/18/04 House Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-54
03/09/04 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bailey
03/10/04 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Taylor
03/17/04 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Wilkins