

## Session 123 - (2019-2020)

**H\*3780 (Rat #0176, Act #0175 of 2020) General Bill, By White, Hixon, Taylor, Cobb-Hunter, Funderburk, Anderson, Hewitt, R. Williams, Davis, Brown, Weeks, Rivers, S. Williams and Gilliard**

**Similar (S 1076, S 1080)**

**Summary:** Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology (GREAT) Program

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 25 TO CHAPTER 9, TITLE 58 SO AS TO CREATE THE "BROADBAND ACCESSIBILITY ACT", TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SET FORTH THE BROADBAND AUTHORITY OF ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES AND TO SET FORTH THE MANNER IN WHICH BROADBAND NETWORKS ARE CONSTRUCTED; TO AMEND SECTION 33-49-20, RELATING TO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS; TO AMEND SECTION 33-49-150, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, SO AS TO SET FORTH THE OFFICE'S BROADBAND AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 33-49-250, RELATING TO THE POWERS OF ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN BROADBAND AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-230 SO AS TO SET FORTH THE BROADBAND AUTHORITY OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY; AND TO SPECIFY THAT THIS ACT DOES NOT CONVEY OR CONFER ANY IMPLIED OR EXPRESS GRANT OF AUTHORITY TO AN INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITY TO PROVIDE BROADBAND FACILITIES OR BROADBAND SERVICES. - ratified title

01/29/19	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 15)
01/29/19	House	Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry (House Journal-page 15)
02/05/19	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hixon
02/06/19	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Taylor
03/06/19	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Cobb-Hunter
03/11/19	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Funderburk
03/12/19	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Anderson, Hewitt
03/20/19	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: R.Williams, Davis
03/26/19	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry (House Journal-page 39)
03/27/19	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Brown, Weeks
03/27/19		Scrivener's error corrected
04/02/19	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Rivers, S.Williams
04/02/19	House	Debate adjourned until Wed., 4-3-19 (House Journal-page 21)
04/03/19	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Gilliard
04/03/19	House	Amended (House Journal-page 35)
04/03/19	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 35)
04/03/19	House	Roll call Yeas-112 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 45)
04/04/19	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 23)
04/04/19	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 2)
04/04/19	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 2)
04/04/19		Scrivener's error corrected
09/23/20	Senate	Recalled from Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 4)
09/23/20	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 4)
09/23/20	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 4)
09/23/20	Senate	Roll call Ayes-39 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 4)
09/23/20	Senate	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (Senate Journal-page 4)
09/24/20	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 3)
09/24/20	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled
09/24/20	House	Roll call Yeas-111 Nays-0
09/25/20		Ratified R 176
09/29/20		Signed By Governor
10/07/20		Effective date 09/29/20
10/07/20		Act No. 175