

## Session 119 - (2011-2012)

**S\*0404 (Rat #0058, Act #0043 of 2011) General Bill, By Campsen, McConnell, Land, Peeler, Alexander, Bryant, Campbell, Cleary, Coleman, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Fair, Grooms, Hayes, Hutto, Jackson, Knotts, Leventis, Matthews, L. Martin, Massey, McGill, O'Dell, Pinckney, Rankin, Reese, Rose, Ryberg, Setzler, Sheheen, Thomas, Verdin, Williams, Lourie, Scott, Leatherman, Shoopman, Malloy, Bright and S. Martin**

**Similar (H 3546)**

**Summary:** Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voters Act

AN ACT TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTERS ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-400, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS AND ISSUANCE OF WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOTS, SO AS TO LIMIT APPLICABILITY OF THE SECTION TO A QUALIFIED CITIZEN OF SOUTH CAROLINA WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE UNDER THE UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT AND TO ADD THAT A QUALIFIED ABSENTEE ELECTOR MAY ALTERNATIVELY SUBMIT A FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL OFFICE OR BALLOT INITIATIVE; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-405, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE UNDER UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE A BALLOT MAY BE SENT INSTEAD OF MAILED; BY ADDING SECTION 7-15-406 SO AS TO REQUIRE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT SENT PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT MUST BE MAILED TO THE ELECTOR AT LEAST FORTY-FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO AN ELECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-460, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO ABSENTEE BALLOTS AS PROVIDED BY THE UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT, SO AS TO MAKE THE PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL OFFICES, AND TO REQUIRE THAT AN ELECTRONIC FREE ACCESS BALLOT TRACKING SYSTEM IS AVAILABLE TO ELECTORS; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-220, RELATING TO THE SIGNING AND WITNESSING OF THE OATH BY THE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICANT, SO AS TO CORRECT ARCHANE LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR WITNESS REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTERS QUALIFIED UNDER THE UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTERS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-320, AS AMENDED, REALTING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO FURTHER SPECIFY PERSONS WHO MAY VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE ABSENT FROM THEIR COUNTY OF RESIDENCE ON ELECTION DAYS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-380, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE OATH OF AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICANT, SO AS TO CLARIFY EXISTING LANGUAGE. - ratified title

01/20/11	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 2)
01/20/11	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 2)
01/28/11	Senate	Referred to Subcommittee: Campsen (ch), Cleary, Scott
02/16/11	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 16)
02/17/11		Scrivener's error corrected
02/22/11	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 14)
02/23/11	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 33)
02/23/11	Senate	Roll call Ayes-42 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 33)
03/03/11	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 20)
03/08/11	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 56)
03/08/11	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 57)
05/18/11	House	Committee report: Favorable Judiciary (House Journal-page 63)
05/24/11	House	Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 69)
05/24/11	House	Debate adjourned until Wednesday, May 25, 2011 (House Journal-page 110)
05/25/11	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 73)
05/25/11	House	Roll call Yeas-108 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 73)
05/26/11	House	Read third time and enrolled (House Journal-page 10)
06/01/11		Ratified R 58
06/07/11		Signed By Governor
06/16/11		Effective date See Act for Effective Date
06/20/11		Act No. 43