

2025-2026 Election-Related Legislation Passed by General Assembly

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Bill #	Rat. #	Act #	Summary	Author	Status	Status Date	Effective Date
STATEWIDE LEGISLATION							
H. 3551	176	183	Amends South Carolina Code Section 9-1-10(8) and Section 12-6-1120 with regards to the tax status of compensation paid to poll workers.	Newton	Signed by Governor	5/18/2026	On signature by Governor and June 30, 2026
H. 3556	177	213	Amends Title 7 and Title 5 with regards to political primary protests and procedure; Amends Title 5 with regards to the terms of municipal elected officers; Amends Title 5 with regards to when municipal elections shall take place and when partisan primaries are allowed; Amends Title 5 to abolish Municipal Election Commissions in municipalities with populations under 10,000 and transfers authority to conduct elections to the county's board of voter registration and elections; miscellaneous other provisions affecting Titles 7 and 5.	Newton	Signed by Governor	5/19/2026	Some portions on signature of Governor; Some on January 1, 2027
H. 3557	178	137	Amends Title 7 with regards to procedure for candidates filing to run in political primaries; Amends Title 7 with regards to procedure for filling vacancies in office and holding special elections.	Newton	Signed by Governor	5/15/2026	Some portions on signature of Governor; some on July 1, 2026; some on January 1, 2027.
S. 694	121	113	Amends Title 5, Section 5-15-60 with regards to methods for nominating candidates in municipal elections.	Young	Signed by Governor	4/6/2026	4/6/2026
LOCAL LEGISLATION							
H.3932	79	9	Amends 7-7-190: Splits existing precinct and designates map numbers in Clarendon County.	Pedalino	Signed by Gov	4/28/2025	4/28/2025
H.4307	79	52	Amends 7-7-350: Combines certain precincts and redesignates map numbers in Lancaster County.	B. Newton	Signed by Gov	5/12/2025	5/12/2025
H.4350	80	53	Amends 7-7-110: Splits certain precincts and redesignates map numbers in Beaufort County.	Herbkersman	Signed by Gov	5/12/2025	5/12/2025
S. 694	121	113	Amends Title 7, Section 7-7-40 with regards to alternative polling place locations in Aiken County.	Young	Signed by Governor	4/6/2026	4/6/2026
H. 5089	126	118	Amends Section 7-7-110(B) with regards to the official precinct maps for certain Beaufort County precincts.	Newton	Signed by Governor	4/6/2026	4/6/2026
S. 1162	166		Amends (B)(1) of Act 509 of 1982, as last amended by Act 232 of 2024, with regards to Anderson County School District 2 elections.	Gambrell	Signed by Governor	5/18/2026	5/18/2026

H. 5653	263		Amends Section 1 of Act 843 of 1952, as last amended by Act 278 of 1979, with regards to membership of the Lee County Board of Education.	Scott	Signed by Governor	5/19/2026	5/19/2026
H. 3792	6	80	Amends Section 2(C) and 3(A) of Act 106 of 2021 with regards to notices of candidacy for the Clarendon County School District Board of Trustees and its structure and powers.	Pedalino	Signed by Governor	3/7/2025	3/7/2025
H. 4014	23	77	Abolishes the constituent districts of Charleston County School District and their respective boards of trustees effective July 1, 2025. From that date, all of the powers, duties, and functions now devolved by Act 340 of 1967, as amended, upon the boards of trustees of the constituent districts are assumed and exercised by the Board of Trustees of Charleston County School District.	Bustos	Signed by Governor	4/28/2025	4/28/2025
H. 3877	67	88	Amends Act 779 of 1988, as last amended by Act 104 of 2015, with regards to Laurens County School District 56, to reapportion its seven single member districts, redesignate the district map numbers, and provided demographic information for the reapportioned districts.	Gilliam	Signed by Governor	5/13/2025	5/13/2025
H. 3878	68	87	Amends Act 779 of 1988, as last amended by Act 105 of 2015, relating to Laurens County School District 55, to reapportion its seven single member districts, redesignate the district map numbers, and provided demographic information for the reapportioned districts.	Gilliam	Signed by Governor	5/13/2025	5/13/2025
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS & STATEWIDE REFERENDUMS							
<i>(None)</i>							