

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.4732**

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TO: The Honorable F. Gregory "Greg" Dellaney, Jr., Chairperson, House Judiciary Committee  
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board  
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AUTHOR: Representative J. E. Smith PRIMARY CODE CITE: 7-11-20  
SUBJECT: Party Conventions or Party Primary Elections

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:  
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:  
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

House Bill 4732 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, to allow the process for the conduct of presidential preference primaries used in recent years to apply to future primaries, which facilitates South Carolina in retaining the "First in the South" position for presidential primaries. Relating to the conduct by the State Election Commission of party conventions or party primary elections, the authority of political parties to conduct advisory primary elections at party expense, and the date provided by law for holding primary elections and the primaries not subject to that date, this Bill deletes obsolete date references, clarifies the authority of a political party to conduct an advisory primary at party expense, clarifies that the date of a presidential preference primary conducted by the State Election Commission must be set by the party rather than the general state law date for primaries. The Bill also allows the State Election Commission to carry forward any year end balances in its filing fee and primary and general election accounts to the succeeding fiscal year, and it provides that these carried forward funds must be expended for the same purpose.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The State Election Commission indicates there is no impact with this Bill.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

Pursuant to 2-7-76, the State Budget Division surveyed counties to assess the impact of this Bill. To date, no responses have been received and will be forwarded upon receipt.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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