

LWVSC Bills of Interest
2021-2022

The following list of bills includes many that will never move through the legislative process. It includes bills within the LWVSC areas of concern but listing does not imply high priority for LWVSC. The list far exceeds LWVSC advocacy capacity and the LWVSC board will act to determine priorities. Further information on this process is available at <https://my.lwv.org/south-carolina/advocacy>.

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ELECTIONS AND VOTING

Bill No.	Primary Sponsor	Description
H. 3034	Garvin	Voting rights restoration
H. 3048	King	Voting rights restoration
H. 3187	Cobb-Hunter	Presidential popular vote compact
H. 3189	Cobb-Hunter	Procedures for voting by mail
H. 3199	Rose	Eliminate straight party voting
H. 3203	Rutherford	in person and mail early voting for presidential primaries
H. 3206	Taylor	prohibit multi-party (fusion) candidates
H. 3257	Blackwell	SC Gen. Assembly term limits
H. 3259	Cox	SC Gen. Assembly term limits
H. 3261	Fry et al	Prohibit multi-party candidates
H. 3262	Fry et al	Partisan primary requirements
H. 3263	Fry	Clarification on authority to hear protests related to partisan primaries
H.3264	Fry	Removes notification requirement for county partisan conventions dates
H. 3265	Fry et al	Voluntary partisan voter registration; not used to restrict voting
H. 3266	Garvin	Absentee ballot tabulation day before election
H. 3267	Garvin	General Election day a holiday
H. 3268	Garvin	Universal early voting
H. 3270	King	DMV application = auto voter registration
H. 3275	King	Same day registration and early voting locations
H. 3372	B. Newton	14-day universal early voting, time for absentee ballot processing, etc.
H. 3404	Jones	Proof of citizenship for president, V.P. candidates
H. 3410	Long	Absentee ballot processing day ahead of ED
H. 3444	Lucas	Reconstitute State Election Commission
H. 3493	Jones	Blockchain voting
H. 3496	Long	Registration and primary voting only by party

H. 3519	Alexander`	No excuse absentee voting and procedures
H. 3525	Hill	Election Fraud
H. 3533	Thigpen	No-excuse early voting
H. 3555	Long	Maximum time in voting booth 5 minutes
H. 3822	Cobb Hunter	Anti-suppression
H. 4150	B Newton	Absentee voting with restrictions
H. 4162	Fry	Photo ID required for absentee voting
H. 4620	W Newton	Elections – defining domicile
H. 4621	W Newton	Elections- regulations for 3 rd party voter registration
H. 4622	W Newton	Mail in Absentee Ballots – proof of identity (voter reg, DL, or other state issued ID card number)
S. 008	Jackson	Election Day a state holiday
S. 009	Jackson	DMV applications = voter registration
S. 020	Hutto	Sheriff elections (actually a LEO reform bill)
S. 084	Malloy	Voter ID
S. 113	Campsen	Authorized representatives in absentee voting
S. 129	Massey	Transfer SEC to Sec. of State
S. 156	Scott	No excuse early voting
S. 236	Young	Municipal election polling place pooling
S. 254	Young	Post-election audits and certification
S. 310	Fanning	Same day voter registration
S. 351	McLeod	Voting information for those convicted of crimes
S. 365	Senn	Voters must verify qualifications for voter registration at least every three years or be removed from the registration list
S. 499	Campsen	Gov to appoint 5 SEC members, min. 1 from each party, right of leg leadership to intervene in litigation, SEC Exec. Dir. to be appointed with advice and consent of Senate
S. 892	Davis	ePoll books and standards
S. 893	Davis	Absentee voting
S. 894	Davis	Third party voter registration
S. 895	Davis	Voter roll maintenance

REDISTRICTING

Bill No.	Sponsor	Description
H.3279	King, Robinson	Independent redistricting commission
H.4492	Lucas and Murphy	Congressional Redistricting
H. 4493	Lucas	House Redistricting
S. 865	Rankin	Senate Redistricting

S. 966	Rankin	Congressional redistricting
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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Bill No.	Sponsor	Description
H. 3205	Taylor et al	Con con, restrain federal gov
H. 3256	Bennett	Amend Constitution, 1895, to permit recall of elected officials, legislative or executive
H. 3258	Cobb-Hunter and Wetmore	ERA
S. 110	Campsen	Delete Sec. of Agriculture from public election under the Constitution, 1895
S. 111	Campsen	Delete Comptroller General from public election under Constitution, 1895
S. 133	Massey	Con con, restrain federal gov
S. 141	Massey	Con con, balanced budget only
S. 262	Matthews	ERA
S. 321	Fanning	Change Constitution, 1895, language to providing "high quality education"
S. 33	Grooms	Con con, restrain federal gov
S. 339	McLeod	Term limit amendment to Constitution, 1895
S. 357	Rice	Joint Committee on Federalism to evaluate federal laws
S. 362	Rice	National Federalism Task Force (includes ALEC, which represents the interests of major corporations that fund the organization) to produce a series of federalism summits
S. 363	Rice	Con con allegedly confined to term limit issue
S. 384	Cash	Amend Constitution, 1895, to enact term limits for Gen. Assembly members
S. 39	Grooms	State constitutional amendment by petition and referenda, Constitution, 1895
S.302	Climer	Term limits under Constitution, 1895

RACIAL JUSTICE AND OTHER JUSTICE AND EQUITY; CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS RELATED TO RACIAL JUSTICE

Bill No.	Sponsor	Description
	Bernstein	Hate crimes (bipartisan support)
H. 3043	King	Hate crimes database at SLED
H. 3046	King	Diversity training for LEO
H. 3047	King	LEO mental health evaluation for cert
H. 3048	King	Voter eligibility info for felons
H. 3135	Rose	Monument Review Study Committee for State House Grounds
H. 3188	Cobb-Hunter	Equal Pay
H. 3225	Garvin	Maternal death rates and bias provisions
H. 3238	Garvin and others	Prohibit housing discrimination
H. 3283	King	Hate crimes bill
H. 3359	Rose	Remove Tillman statue from SH grounds

H. 3409	King	Policy brutality citizens review committee in every county
H. 3620	Lucas	Penalty enhancement for certain crimes
S. 124	Massey and others	Mandatory LEO training standards
S. 126	Massey and others	Certification of LEOs
S. 127	Massey and others	Mandatory training for newly appointed chiefs of police
S. 128	Massey and others	Failure of a LEO to intervene when fellow LEO violates standards defined as misconduct
S. 14	Jackson	Hate crimes
S. 171	Allen	Hate crimes
S. 172	Allen	Hate crimes
S. 198	Hembree	Hate crimes
S. 274	Matthews	Repeal of protection of certain monuments and memorials
S. 275	Matthews	Police misconduct
S. 285	Matthews	Body camera data FOIA-able
S. 334	McLeod	Transparency in Justice (juveniles)
S. 335	McLeod	Decrim. Rec. marijuana, regulates
S. 336	McLeod	Abuse of 911 for racial complaints
S. 340	McLeod	Confidentiality of domestic violence nonprofits
S. 342	McLeod	Implicit bias assessment for LEO
S. 351	McLeod	Restoration of voting rights
S. 352	McLeod	Repeals SNAP exclusion for felons
S. 68	Malloy	Officer involved death reporting
S. 85	Malloy	Officer involved shooting investigations
S. 88	Malloy	Murder hate crimes
S. 89	Malloy	Right to photograph LEOs
S. 93	Malloy	Counties to establish drug courts
S. 95	Malloy	Study committee on racial profiling

ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Bill No.	Sponsor	Description
H. 3197	Newton	Raise campaign contribution limits
H. 3200	Rose	Local government and lobbying
H. 3521	Cobb-Hunter	Removal of elected officials due to criminal conviction
S. 174	Bennett and Leatherman	Dark money
S. 184	Bennett	Dark money
S. 187	Hembree	Campaign finance accounting reforms
S. 188	Hembree	Outstanding ethics fines prohibit candidacy
S. 189	Hembree	Filing campaign bank account statements
S. 202	Hembree	Expand scope of Inspector General Office
S. 214	McElveen and Massey	Campaign bank accounts

S. 300	Climer	Extends dual office holding prohibition to family of Gen. Ass.
S. 306	Fanning	Prohibition on appointment of campaign donors
S. 309	Fanning	Ethics Commission monitoring and audit requirements
S. 311	Fanning	Ethics conviction reimbursement by official
S. 312	Fanning	Prohibit accepting donations from monopoly utilities
S. 337	McLeod	Restriction on appointment of Gen. Assembly family members
S. 375	Talley	Revise Ethics Committee actions after review of SEC recommendations
S. 394	Harpootlian	Expand powers of Legislative Audit Council
S. 395	Harpootlian	Explicit ID of expenditures in state budget
S. 396	Harpootlian	Eliminate FOIA exemption for econ devo.
S. 398	Harpootlian	Economic development accountability

HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE

Bill No.	Sponsor	Description
H. 3226	Garvin	Medicaid Expansion
H.3269	Garvin	Ballot referendum on Medicaid Expansion
S. 083	Malloy	Advisory referendum on Medicaid Expansion
S. 147	Massey	Liability protections for businesses under COVID claims
S. 210	McLeod	Health insurance for adults within 130% of poverty line; Medicaid Expansion

WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Bill No.	Sponsor	Description
H. 3163	McCravy et al	Fetal heartbeat
H. 3175	Rutherford	Pharmacist administration of birth control
H. 3183	Brawley	Pay equity
H. 3188	Cobb-Hunter	Equal pay for equal work
H. 3225	Garvin	Maternal death rates and bias provisions
H. 3258	Cobb-Hunter and Wetmore	ERA
H. 3469	Moore	Paid sick leave
H. 3508	Bennett	"Life Appropriation Bill" - among other things, defines "secular abortion" and "convenience abortion"
H. 3512	Long	Prohibits "fetal anomaly" as abortion justification
H. 3560	Bernstein	State employee family leave
H. 3568	Magnuson	Personhood
H. 3890	J Moore	Consent and sec education
S. 001	Grooms et al	Fetal heartbeat
S. 011	Jackson	Family leave
S. 151	Davis	Pharmacist prescription of birth control
S. 262	Matthews	ERA

S. 341	McLeod	Compensation of women compelled to complete a pregnancy by fetal heartbeat law
S. 381	Cash	Personhood
S. 385	Cash	Prohibits use or sale of fetal remains
S. 399	Garrett	Fetal heartbeat
S. 907	Grooms and Verden	Reverse abortion bill
S. 988	Cash and Rice	“trigger” to prohibit abortion upon federal court approval

ENVIRONMENT

Bill No.	Sponsor	Description
S. 107	Campsen and Climer	Limiting state’s beach preservation policy, adding exceptions
S. 152	Davis and others	Use of local taxes for conservation purchases
S. 162	Scott	Pyrolysis-related materials classified as “recovered materials’
S. 184	Hembree	Sea turtle protection
S. 219	McElveen and others	Forever chemicals, DHEC regulations
S. 294	Climer and Fanning	Persons and corporations using electric vehicle charging stations are not electric utilities; increase in customer demand from transportation electrification shall not constitute revenues for a utility
S. 525	Gambrell	“advanced recycling”
S. 596	Senn and others	nurdles
H. 3051	Pendarvis	Early SCDOT planning determination of feasibility of sidewalks, bike paths, high occupancy vehicle lanes, etc.
H. 3454	Ballentine	Exempt small renewable energy resource properties (equipment) from property taxes
H. 3515	J. Moore	Require DHEC to promulgate regulation of certain pollutants in waterways
H. 3892	Yow and others	Distance between mines and rural communities

EDUCATION

Bill No.	Sponsor	Description
S. 211	McElveen	State education bank establishment
S. 534	Loftis	Same as H. 3002, based on 1776 report
S. 935	Grooms and others	Private school scholarships
S.982	Davis	Requirement to disclose all resources, etc.
H. 3002	Bennett	American founding principles education
H. 3081	Collins and others	Teacher public policy rights
H. 3114	Collins and others	Financial support for teacher education

H. 3240	Collins and Allison	Study on racial and ethnic disparities in education and recommendations for improvement
H. 3338	G. R. Smith and others	Higher ed, Constitutional Heritage Act
H. 3498	Taylor and others	Repeal constitutional prohibition on public funding of private schools
H. 3589	Allison and Lucas	Define “schools of innovation” and exempt them from some requirements
H. 3590	Allison and Lucas	Hiring noncertified teachers
H. 3591	Allison and Lucas	Improve evaluation of teaching education programs
H. 3592	Allison and Lucas	Remove social studies from 3 rd -8 th grade, other changes
H. 3611	Lucas	Establish workforce and education data oversight committee
H. 3976	Erickson	School vouchers
H. 4325	Long and others	Another anti-CRT bill
H. 4343	Taylor	Prohibits 1619, prohibits “discomfort”, prohibits required CRT, gender, sexual diversity;
H. 4392	Jones and Bennett	Keep partisanship out of civics act
H. 4555	May and others	Parental right to direct curriculum
H. 4605	Bennett and others	“freedom from ideological coercion,” discomfort provision
H. 4799	May and others	CRT prohibition

UTILITIES AND REGULATORY ACCOUNTABILITY

Bill No.	Sponsor	Description
H. 3112	Cobb-Hunter	Solar tax credits
H. 3194	Lucas and others	Sale or reform of Santee Cooper
H. 3683	Lucas	Ratepayer Protection Act
S. 002	Massey	DHEC reorganization
S. 134	Massey	Allow Governor to remove PSA directors without cause
S. 159 S. 343	McLeod	Minimum wage adjustments
S. 239	Young	Exempt petroleum pipelines from certain rights and privileges (eminent domain)
S. 240	Young	Regulate petroleum pipelines
S. 301	Climer	Utilities not to recover from ratepayers legal fees for cases in which the utility was convicted of violation
S. 344	McLeod	Ratepayer Protection Act, state of emergency
PSC 2020-125-E	n/a	Not legislative – Dominion rate case at Public Service Commission as issue in regulatory accountability

JUDICIARY

Bill No.	Sponsor	Description
H. 3284	Manguson	Gubernatorial appt of judges/justices
H. 3446	Lucas and others	Expand SC Supreme Court from 4 to 6 associate justices

H. 3447	Lucas and others	Statutory parallel for H. 3446
S. 116	Campsen	Changes in judicial election process
S. 192	Hembree	Reform JMSC, more citizen members, forward all candidates rather than list of 3
S. 292	Climer	Judicial elections
S. 374	Talley & Kimbrell	Amend Constitution, 1895, to reform judicial selection

OTHER

Bill No.	Sponsor	Description
H. 3078	Cobb-Hunter	Repeal right to work laws
H. 3094	Cox and others	Open carry of guns without permits
H. 3341	Cobb-Hunter	State minimum wage, \$15/hour
H. 3382	King	Raise legislator per diem to \$42,830/year
H. 3432	Kimmons and Cox	Expanding "stand your ground"
H. 3480	Robinson	Minimum wage \$13/hour or federal standard
H. 3486	Taylor	Virtual sessions during states of emergency
H. 3579	Hill	Request for bill consideration in House; greatly restricts
H. 3605	M. Smith	Appropriations Committee: State Budget
S. 020	Hutto	Sheriff elections (also listed in elections bill)
S. 032	Grooms	Guns everywhere including school property
S. 071	Malloy	Allow 10 days for gun sale background check
S. 103	Campsen and Malloy	Criteria for state of emergency
S. 120	Campsen	Restrict increase in general fund expenditures
S. 130	Massey	Requires Gen. Assembly approval for further COVID state of emergency declarations
S. 131	Massey	Restrict use of capital grounds
S. 155	Martin	Constitutional carry
S. 159	Scott and McLeod	State minimum wage
S. 338	McLeod	Gen. Assembly term limits
S. 369	Talley	"Second Amendment Protection Act" claiming to override federal law
S. 377	Talley	Sine die and biennial budget

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