

*Executive Director's Report*

January 26, 2011

Meeting of the

*Beaufort County  
Board of Elections and Registration*

# Overview

- General Election Feedback
- Ward 3 Special Election
- SCARE Conference items of interest
- Pending SC legislation
  - Beaufort County precincts
  - All other voter/elections legislation

# *General Election Feedback*

- Reference products distributed via email
  - Discussion
  - Spreadsheet is a living document
- Recommend applicable items be assigned to appropriate committees

# HHI Ward 3 Special Election

Precinct(s)	Location	# of Voters	# iVo's
HH 2A (part)	Indigo Pines	411 of 1,171	2
HH 2C (part)	Indigo Run	1,121 of 1,266	4
HH 8B	St Luke's Church	686	3
HH 9A and 9B	Christ Lutheran Church	2,611	10
HH 10 (part)	Spanish Wells	487 of 1,177	2
	<i>Totals</i>	<i>5,316</i>	<i>21</i>

- Poll Worker Briefing on February 14 / HH Library
- Supply distribution immediately follows training
- Equipment delivery on February 14
- Canvass Hearing: Feb 17 @ 11 am

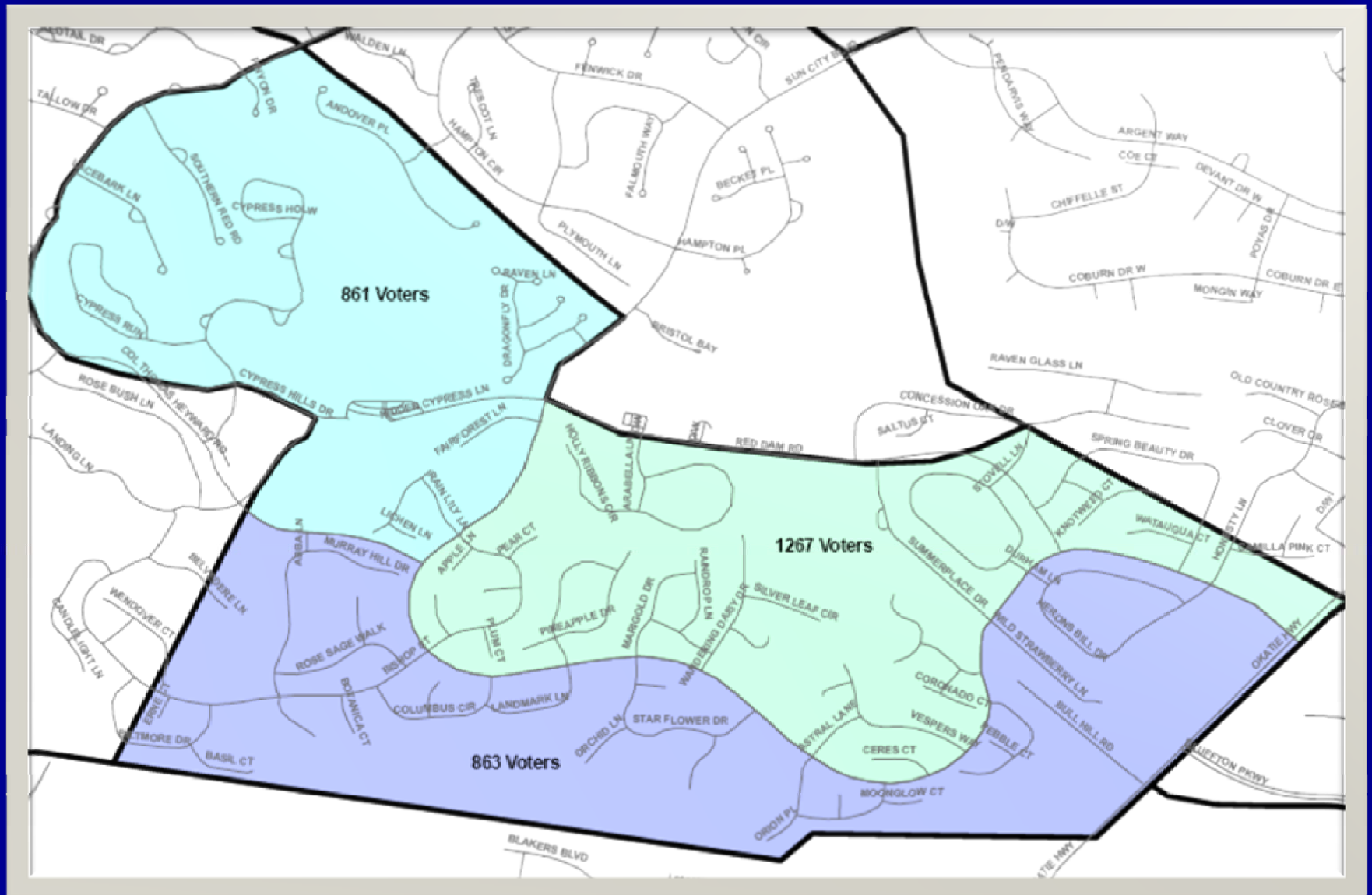
## *SCARE Conference items of interest*

- Fiscal picture grim at state level
- Redistricting process discussions
- Met with representative from AG re:  
Section 5 submissions under VRA
- Current SEC-negotiated iVo maintenance agreement expires June 30, 2011
- Next year's conference will be in March

# *Pending legislation*

- Beaufort County precincts
  - Submitted on January 6, 2011 to Representative Herbkersman
  - Involves 5 actions and 7 precincts
- Legislation of interest pending in General Assembly
  - 9 bills; 5 Senate / 4 House
  - Topics include registration, absentee voting, early voting, photo ID, UOCAVA, party deadlines, et al

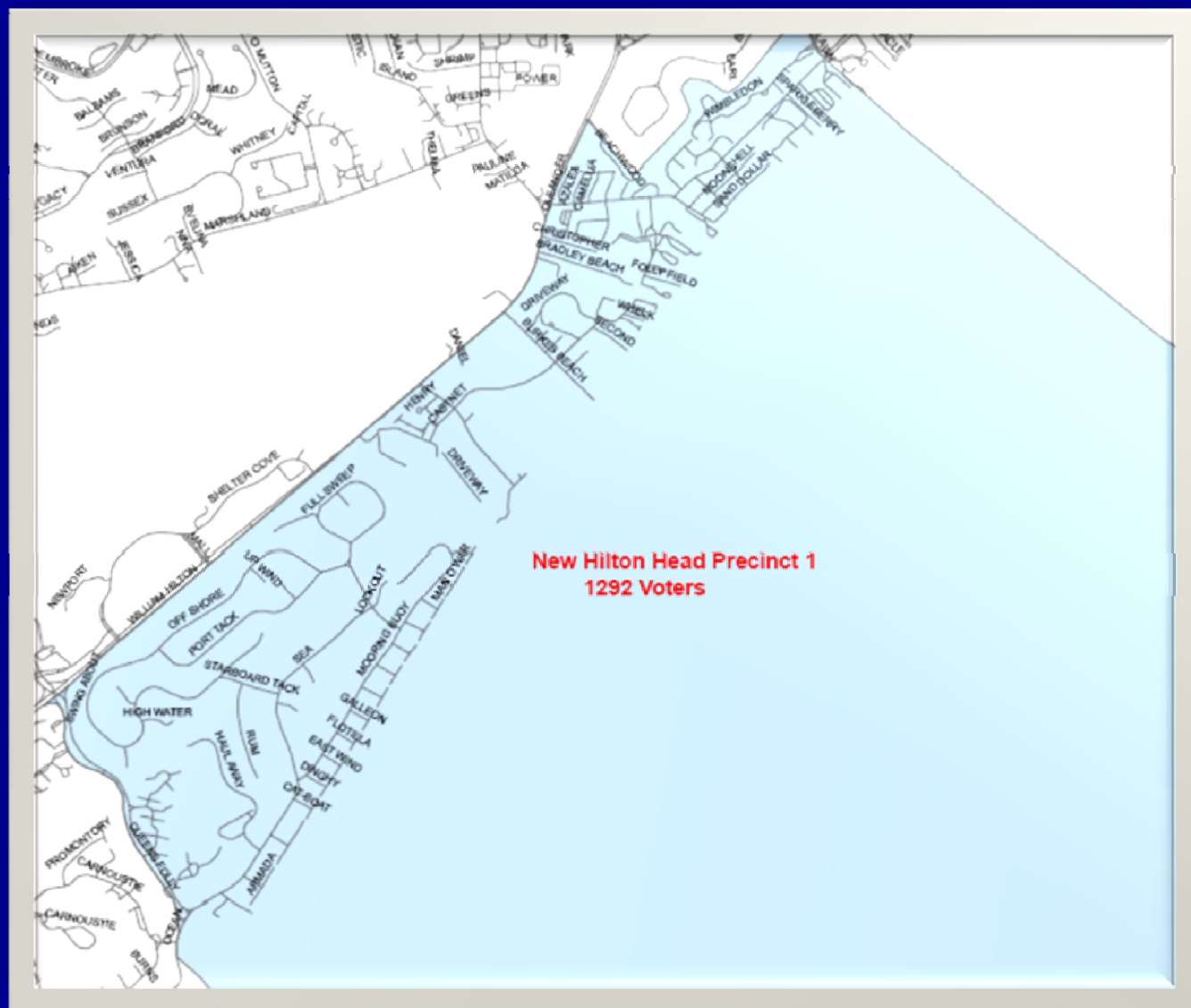
# Split Sun City 4B



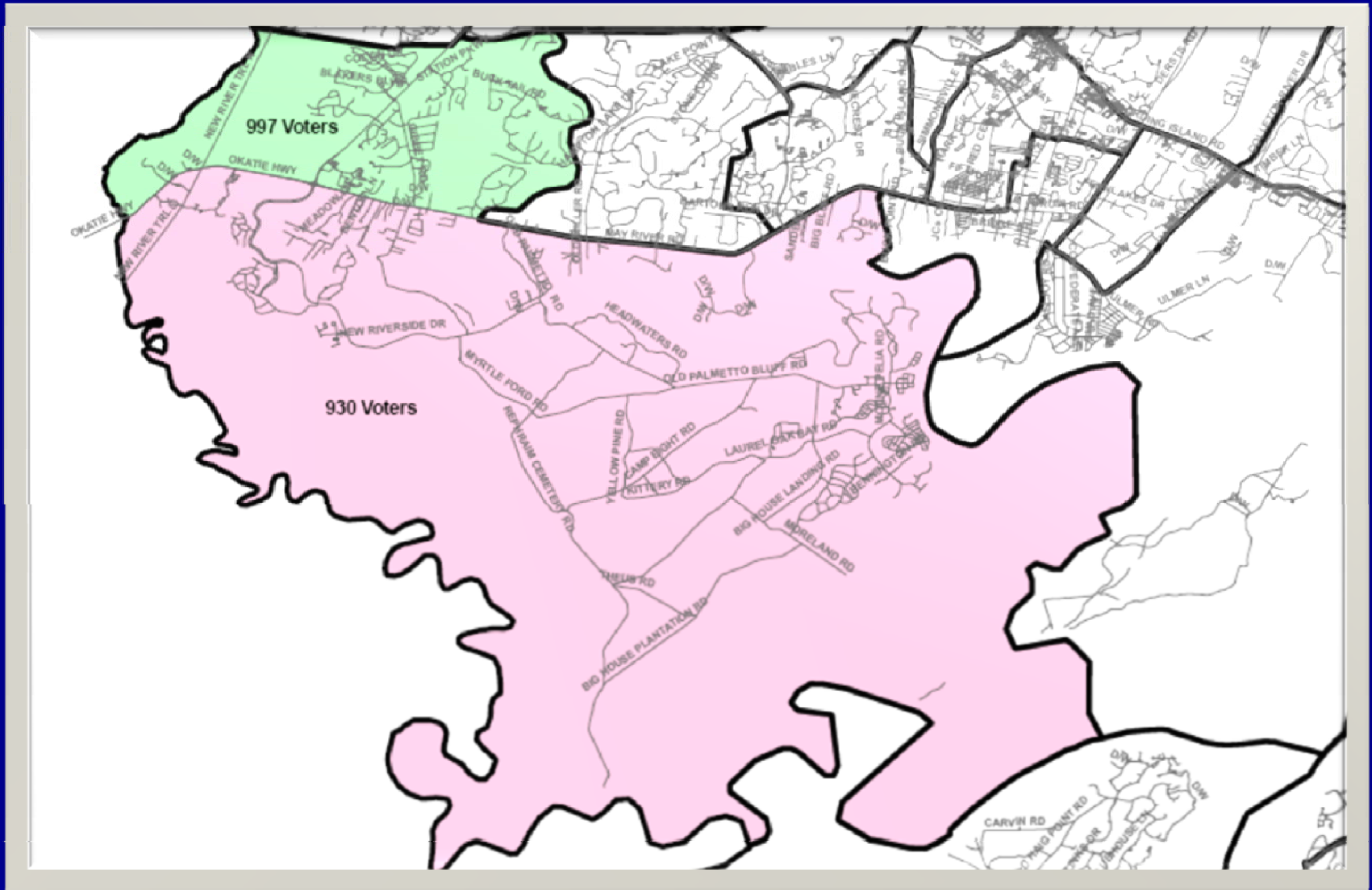




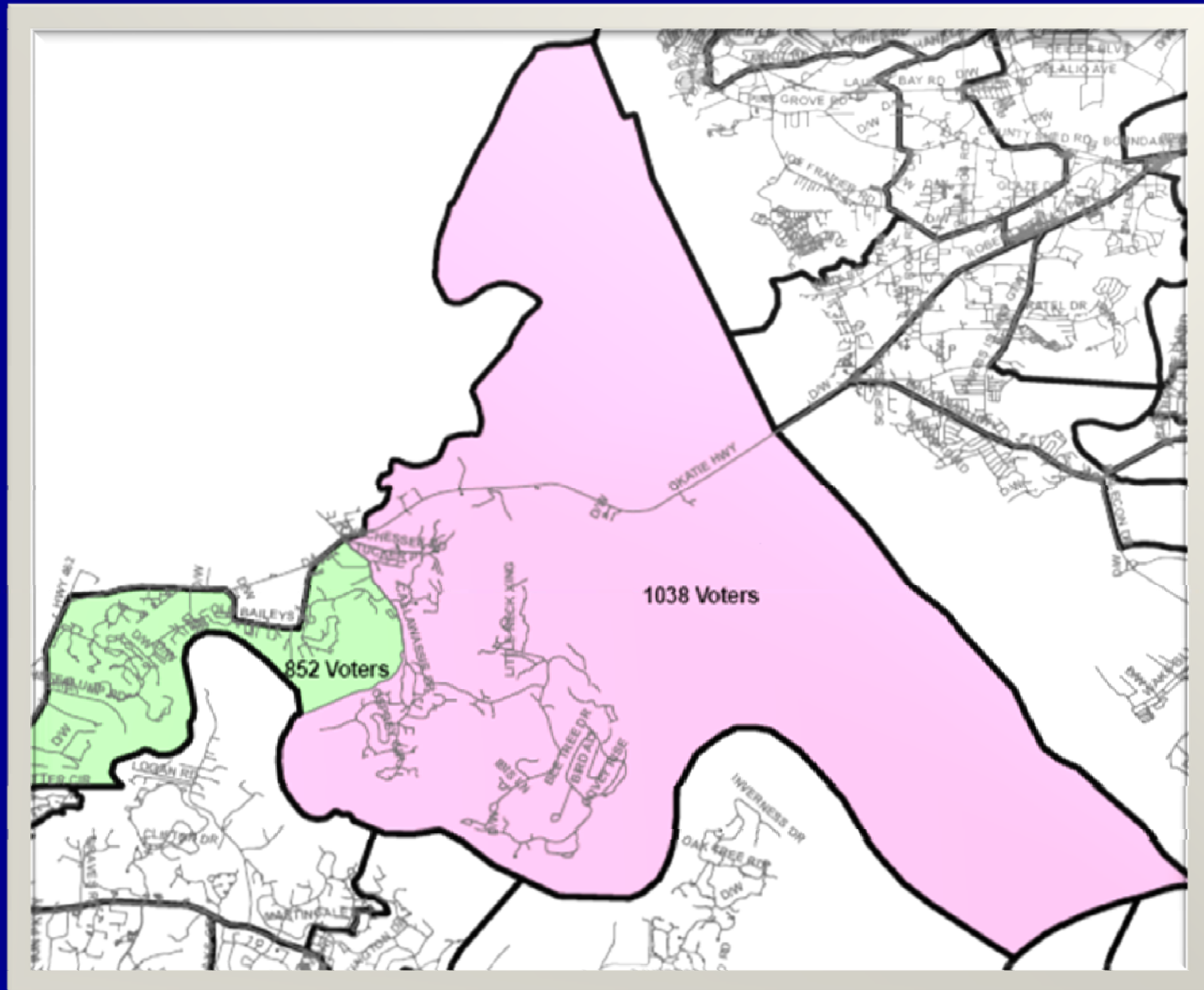
# Consolidate HH 6B and HH 7A



# Split Bluffton 2C



# Split Chechessee



# S. 1 - Election Reform Act

- Primary purpose(s):
  - Establish early voting
  - Require photo ID
  - Modifies absentee process
- Concerns:
  - Limits absentee polling locations to one
  - Unfunded mandate re: early voting center(s)
- Sponsor(s):
  - Campsen, McConnell, Leatherman, Peeler, Shoopman, Rose, Cleary, Verdin, S. Martin, Massey, Fair and **Davis**
- Status:
  - Jan 12 - referred to Senate Judiciary subcommittee

## *S. 209 - Absentee Qualifications*

- Primary purpose(s):
  - Allows no-excuse absentee voting
  - Allows absentee application process to be completed on line
- Concerns: None known
- Sponsor(s): Lourie
- Status:
  - Jan 11 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Comm.

## *S. 333 - Notice of Death*

- Primary purpose(s):
  - Coroner must provide notice of death to CEC
  - Funeral directors must provide notice of death to CEC
- Concerns:
  - Requires CEC to “prescribe forms for transmission of names of deceased persons” to state
- Sponsor(s): Massey
- Status:
  - Jan 11 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Comm.

# S. 404 - SC UOCAVA Act

- Primary purpose(s):
  - Allows absentee voters in OS isolated areas to submit a federal write-in absentee ballot for any federal, state, or local office or ballot initiative
  - Requires electronic free access ballot tracking system
  - Waives witness requirement for all UOCAVA voters
- Concerns: None
- Sponsor(s):
  - Campsen, McConnell, **Davis**, Leventis, Matthews, L. Martin, Massey, McGill, O'Dell, **Pinckney**, Rankin, Reese, Rose, Ryberg, et al
- Status:
  - Jan 20 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Comm.

# H. 3003 - Photo ID / Absentee Voting

- Primary purpose(s):
  - Requires photo ID
  - Definition of "Domicile" given greater fidelity
  - Absentee application requests mail or walk-in only
  - Retains witness signature requirement on absentees
  - Absentee voting becomes paper only
- Concerns:
  - Restricts absentee application request process
  - Eliminates in-person absentee voting
- Sponsors:
  - Clemmons, Lucas, Bingham, Harrison, Cooper, **Patrick, Erickson**, et al
- Status: Jan 25 - Request for floor debate



## *H. 3110 - Registration by Party*

- Primary purposes(s):
  - Requires registration by party
- Concerns: Uncertain
- Sponsors:
  - G.R. Smith, Thayer, Hamilton and Long
- Status:
  - Jan 11 - Referred to House Judiciary Comm.

## H. 3349 - Overseas Absentee Voting

- Primary purpose(s):
  - U.S. citizens who have never lived in the U.S., but whose parents are registered in SC, may register to vote where the parents are qualified electors . . . . If they are not otherwise registered
- Beaufort County concerns: Uncertain
- Sponsors:
  - Clemmons and Sellers
- Status:
  - Jan 19 - Referred to House Judiciary Comm.

## H. 3392 - Multi-faceted (S. 391)

- Primary purpose(s):
  - Establishes standing protocol for make-up elections
  - Opening absentee ballots may begin at 9 am
  - Accelerates party primary submissions to CEC and SEC from April 9 to April 5
  - Presidential/VP candidates must be certified to SEC NLT 1<sup>st</sup> Tues following 1<sup>st</sup> Mon in Sept
- Concerns:
  - 1 week between election and make-up day
- Sponsors: Clemmons and Sellers
- Status: Jan 20 - Referred to House Judiciary Comm.

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