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RECENT LEGISLATION

A SUMMARY OF ENACTMENTS DURING THE 1954 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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This summary is intended as a review of those enactments of the 1954 session of the General Assembly which are of importance or interest to the practicing attorneys of this state. Not all state-wide legislation falls within this category and much of it has been omitted. Local legislation of interest to members of the Bar in the particular counties affected thereby has been listed.

Since the Acts and Joint Resolutions of 1954 have not been published, the acts mentioned in this review have been cited by giving the ratification number of each and the date of its approval by the Governor. Resolutions proposing amendments to the State Constitution and acts ratifying constitutional amendments do not require the approval of the Governor; therefore, the dates given for these measures are ratification dates. All code section numbers refer to the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952.

Inheritance By and From an Adopted Child—This act¹ makes a substantial change in the laws of this state relating to inheritance by and from an adopted child. The act states that when a child has been legally adopted he shall inherit from the adopting parents, the natural child of the adopting parents and other adopted children of the adopting parents, and they from him, in the same manner as a natural child. Prior to this act there was no provision for inheritance by the adopting parents from an adopted child, and inheritance was limited to the child's taking from the adoptive parent.

Employees' Priority For Wages Earned Prior To Employer's Going Into Receivership Or Bankruptcy—This act² gives a priority to claims of employees for wages earned prior to their employer's going into receivership or bankruptcy. The priority applies only to wages to the extent of three hundred dollars for each employee, which wages must have been earned in the three months immediately preceding the receivership or bankruptcy.

1. Ratification No. 810, approved March 26, 1954.

2. Ratification No. 790, approved March 23, 1954.

Right to Work — This act³ declares the public policy of the State to be that the right of persons to work shall not be denied or abridged on account of membership or non-membership in any labor union or labor organization. Any acts by employers or labor organizations which tend to violate this declared policy are made misdemeanors punishable by fine or imprisonment. The act also makes it unlawful for any person by intimidation, force, violence or threats thereof to interfere with any person in his right to work and further makes it unlawful to engage in picketing by force or violence so as to interfere with free ingress to and egress from any place of employment. The act provides that any person whose rights are adversely affected by any action taken in violation of the act may apply to any court having general equity jurisdiction for appropriate relief.

"Benefit Year" Under Unemployment Compensation Law Further Defined — The wording of Section 68-7 of the Code which defines the term "benefit year" as used in the Unemployment Compensation Law has been changed by this act⁴ so that the term now applies to the one year period beginning with the first day of the first week with respect to which the individual first files a request for a determination of his status as an insured worker, and thereafter the one year period beginning with the first day of the first week with respect to which the individual next files a request for a determination of his status as an insured worker, after the termination of his last preceding benefit year.

Payment of State Income Tax in Installments — Section 8, of Part III of the General Appropriations Act⁵ amended the state's income tax law so as to require any income taxpayer whose return shows a tax liability of twenty-five dollars or less to pay such tax in full at the time of the filing of his return.

Revocation of Wills — This act⁶ amends a section of the Code so as to restore it to the form it had prior to its codification as Section 19-221 of the Code of 1952. The editors of the Code of 1952 reworded the section in a manner which made it call for, as a means of revocation of a will or clause thereof, the destruction *and* obliteration of such will or clause by certain persons. This eliminated the alternative procedure allowed by the section originally when it read "destroying *or* obliterating".

3. Ratification No. 739, approved March 19, 1954.

4. Ratification No. 752, approved March 23, 1954.

5. Ratification No. 726, approved March 20, 1954.

6. Ratification No. 792, approved March 24, 1954.

Income from Sale of Property Taken Under Power of Eminent Domain—Under the provisions of this act⁷ the income received by any individual as the result of a sale of property being taken under the power of eminent domain shall not be subject to the State's income tax.

Jurisdiction of Magistrates in Fraudulent Check or Draft Cases Increased—This act⁸ increases the jurisdiction of magistrates so that matters relating to fraudulent checks or drafts of less than seventy-five dollars may be tried by them.

Automatic Increase or Decrease of Capital Stock of State Chartered Building and Loan Associations—This act⁹ amended the Code by adding Section 12-287 which reads as follows: "Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 12-271 through 12-286, the capital stock of any building and loan association heretofore or hereafter chartered by this State shall not be limited to the amount stated in its original charter or by any amendment thereto but the said capital stock shall be increased or decreased automatically so as to equal at all times the aggregate of payments on shares of stock—either fully paid or installment accounts—plus dividends credited to such accounts, less redemptions and withdrawals".

Group Insurance—Allowable Insurance on Life of Debtor—Section 37-158 of the Code as amended by Act 367 of 1953 is further amended by this act¹⁰ so as to remove the five thousand dollar maximum limit on the amount of insurance which may be taken out on the life of a debtor under a group insurance policy and to provide that the amount of insurance allowable is limited only by the amount of the original loan. Subsection (A) (2) (d) of Section 37-158 now reads as follows: "The amounts of insurance on the life of any debtor shall at no time exceed the amount of the original loan".

Issuance of Duplicate Account Books and Certificates by State-Chartered Building and Loan Associations—This act¹¹ amends the Code by adding a new section, 12-247, which provides that the holder of record of a certificate or an account book evidencing savings in a state-chartered building and loan association may be issued a duplicate merely by filing an affidavit with the building and loan association to the effect that the certificate or account book has been

7. Ratification No. 618, approved February 25, 1954.

8. Ratification No. 585, approved February 10, 1954.

9. Ratification No. 781, approved March 23, 1954.

10. Ratification No. 701, approved March 18, 1954.

11. Ratification No. 749, approved March 19, 1954.

lost or destroyed and that it has not been pledged or assigned in whole or in part.

The requirements of advertisement and the filing of a bond contained in Sections 12-242 and 12-243 of the Code relating to the issuance of duplicate certificates of stock are, insofar as they relate to duplicate certificates or account books of state-chartered building and loan associations, made discretionary with the directors of the association.

Legitimacy of Children of Bigamous Marriages — Section 20-6.1 of the Code was amended by this act¹² so as to provide that the children of bigamous marriages contracted on or after April 13, 1951, shall be deemed legitimate if either of the parties to the marriage contract entered into it in good faith. Section 20-6.1 of the Code, prior to this amendment, contained provisions from Act No. 109 of 1951 which became effective on April 13, 1951. The present amendment was evidently an effort to make certain that Section 20-6.1 and Act No. 109 of 1951 from which it was taken could not be construed as having a retroactive effect. It is doubtful whether the amendment accomplishes this purpose.

Jurisdiction of Circuit Courts With Reference to Actions Affecting State Boards, Commissions, Agencies and Officials — This act¹³ provides that the circuit courts of the State are vested with jurisdiction to hear and determine all questions, actions and controversies, other than those involving rates of certain public service companies, affecting boards, commissions, and agencies of the State and officials of the State in their official capacities, in the circuit where such question, action or controversy arises.

Assignment of Wages or Salary by Employees Regulated — This act¹⁴ provides that the assignment of any wages or salary by an employee shall not bind the employer without the written consent or acknowledgement of the employer.

Abandoned Containers of Capacity Sufficient to Contain a Child — The recent wave of fatal accidents to children trapped in abandoned ice boxes was responsible for this act.¹⁵ The act requires any person who abandons or discards any ice box, refrigerator or other type of air tight container of a capacity sufficient to contain a child, to remove the door, lid or other closing device therefrom, and forbids the

12. Ratification No. 817, approved March 26, 1954.

13. Ratification No. 703, approved March 18, 1954.

14. Ratification No. 664, approved March 12, 1954.

15. Ratification No. 632, approved March 1, 1954.

owner, lessee or other person in charge of any property upon which such a container is abandoned, to knowingly allow such a container to remain on such property and accessible to children without removing the door, lid or other closing device. Violators are subject to a fine of up to one hundred dollars or imprisonment for up to thirty days.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Amendment Deleting Requirement of Free Public Schools Ratified—This amendment¹⁶ eliminates from our State's Constitution the section requiring the General Assembly to provide a system of free public schools for all children between the ages of six and twenty-one years.

Amendment Eliminating Oath Regarding Duelling Proposed—This proposed amendment¹⁷ will eliminate from the Constitutional oath of office that portion relating to duelling.

The following Acts may also be of interest:

An Act¹⁸ to designate "perpetual care" and "no perpetual care" cemeteries; to provide for trust funds for perpetual care cemeteries; to create a state Cemetery Board to administer this act; and to establish penalties for violation thereof.

An Act¹⁹ to amend Sections 1-301, 1-302, 1-305 and 30-101, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, so as to integrate the offices and duties of Code Commissioner and the Director of the Legislative Council; and to repeal Sections 30-107 and 30-108, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to the duties of the Director and employees of the Legislative Council.

An Act²⁰ to amend Section 17-259, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, so as to provide for service on Sunday of criminal process for violation of law relating to intoxicating liquors.

An Act²¹ to amend Act No. 836 of the Acts of 1952, relating to the care and treatment of the mentally ill, so as to provide that if the parent or guardian of any mentally ill or mentally defective person moves from another state into this state, and is a minister of any organized church, a missionary or a teacher, and a resident of this state for a period of one year, such mentally ill person may be

16. Ratification No. 740, ratified March 19, 1954.

17. Ratification No. 605, ratified February 19, 1954.

18. Ratification No. 816, approved March 26, 1954.

19. Ratification No. 809, approved March 26, 1954.

20. Ratification No. 807, approved March 26, 1954.

21. Ratification No. 799, approved March 26, 1954.

transferred from any out-of-state institution to proper mental facility of this state.

An Act²² to amend Act No. 836 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions, 1952, revising the laws relating to the hospitalization, detention, guardianship, care and treatment of the mentally ill, so as to further clarify certain definitions; to further provide for application, hospitalization and discharge of patients and disclosure of medical records; to provide for admission of nonresident patients and rules and regulations governing same; to authorize the Superintendent of the State Hospital to accept money for mental patients; to provide for determination and re-examination of the patient's sanity; to permit appeals from such rulings; to amend Section 10-150, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to actions by the State, so as to fix the time that the statute of limitations shall commence to run against agencies of the state charged with the care and treatment of mental patients; and to repeal Section 32-973 and Section 32-1005 through Section 32-1007, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952.

An Act²³ to regulate the feeding of garbage to swine; making certain acts unlawful; providing penalties for violations; and to repeal Act No. 366 of the Acts of 1953.

An Act²⁴ to amend Section 16-355, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to larceny of livestock, so as to increase the penalty of those found guilty of this crime, and to provide for the confiscation of property used by or in the possession of any person engaged in the commission of this crime; and to amend Section 16-386, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to the entry on lands of another after notice prohibiting same, so as to delete the requirement of the publication of notice in a newspaper.

An Act²⁵ to amend Section 4-211, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, so as to limit the issuance of permits to sell beer or wine on the premises in counties adjoining other states, and to amend Section 4-212, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, so as to provide additional conditions for beer and wine permittees.

An Act²⁶ to repeal Section 3-604 and to amend Section 3-603, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to the manufacture and sale of certain animal feeds so as to permit the adulteration of certain concentrated commercial feeds.

22. Ratification No. 788, approved March 23, 1954.

23. Ratification No. 759, approved March 24, 1954.

24. Ratification No. 755, approved March 24, 1954.

25. Ratification No. 751, approved March 24, 1954.

26. Ratification No. 619, approved February 25, 1954.

An Act²⁷ to amend Subsection (5) of Section 3-621, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to the labeling of commercial feeds, so as to provide that the label shall state the percentage and not the maximum percentage of crude fat and of crude protein.

An Act²⁸ to amend Sections 65-833, 65-834 and 65-835, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to the schedule of annual licenses and seating capacity of motion picture theaters, so as to change the license schedule to an annual basis and to change the time for ascertaining the seating capacity of motion picture theaters to an annual basis and to provide for proration of the annual license tax and for penalties for late remittances.

An Act²⁹ to provide for the licensing and regulation of motor vehicle driver training schools by the State Highway Department, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act.

An Act³⁰ to regulate the manufacture, sale and distribution of fertilizer in the State of South Carolina; to provide for sampling and analyzing; to provide for penalties for violation hereof and to provide for a board of control.

An Act³¹ to provide for the transfer of abandoned school buildings to certain communities for use as community centers.

An Act³² to amend Sections 23-256, 23-258, 23-259, and 23-262, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to political parties, and to amend Sections 23-372 and 23-376, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating only to primary elections, so as to make further provisions for the time of meetings of clubs, county committees and conventions, state conventions, the time for holding of primaries and appointment of managers therefor.

An Act³³ to amend Section 38-87, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to the service of jurors in the courts of general sessions and common pleas, so as to provide that in cases where the law authorizes the opening of the court of common pleas in any county during the week in which a court of general sessions is or may be held, the same jurors may serve in both courts.

An Act³⁴ to amend Section 28-935, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to license taxes on fishing appliances used in

27. Ratification No. 742, approved March 19, 1954.

28. Ratification No. 702, approved March 19, 1954.

29. Ratification No. 694, approved March 18, 1954.

30. Ratification No. 672, approved March 12, 1954.

31. Ratification No. 614, approved February 25, 1954.

32. Ratification No. 595, approved February 12, 1954.

33. Ratification No. 586, approved February 10, 1954.

34. Ratification No. 582, approved February 10, 1954.

salt water fishing, so as to provide that the annual license tax on crab pots shall be at the rate of six dollars a hundred.

An Act³⁵ to authorize the director of the Division of Game of the Wildlife Resources Department to close or shorten seasons on game during periods of emergency caused by abnormal conditions upon request of a majority of the delegation or delegations, including the senator, of the county or counties affected.

An Act³⁶ to establish a juvenile placement division under and responsible to the Board of State Industrial Schools; to outline its duties; to provide for its personnel and to make an appropriation therefor and to repeal Section 55-60, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to supervision of discharged delinquents by the Probation, Pardon and Parole Board.

An Act³⁷ to amend Section 64-4, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, as amended by Act No. 195 of the Acts of 1953, relating to employment in textile plants on Sunday, so as to provide for the continuous operation of textile plants under certain conditions.

An Act³⁸ to amend Sections 37-906, 37-931, 37-932, 37-933 and 37-934, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to fraternal benefit associations, so as to change the beneficiaries thereunder and to provide for benefit certificates upon the lives of children by such societies; and to repeal Sections 37-935, 37-936 and 37-937, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952.

An Act³⁹ to amend Subsection (2) of Section 71-91 and Section 71-96, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to monetary grants by the Welfare Department, so as to enlarge and further provide for the granting of aid under the public welfare system.

An Act⁴⁰ to amend Sections 65-2661 and 65-2662, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to the payment of taxes under protest and the method for recovering such taxes so as to allow the payment of any taxes under protest and to provide for their recovery.

An Act⁴¹ to require that the contract for any public building to be constructed out of state funds costing in excess of ten thousand dollars be let on competitive bids and to provide for the manner of awarding such contracts.

35. Ratification No. 558, approved January 29, 1954.

36. Ratification No. 555, approved January 29, 1954.

37. Ratification No. 772, approved March 24, 1954.

38. Ratification No. 630, approved February 26, 1954.

39. Ratification No. 727, approved March 18, 1954.

40. Ratification No. 776, approved March 24, 1954.

41. Ratification No. 665, approved March 12, 1954.

An Act⁴² to improve and extend by reciprocal legislation the enforcement of duties of support and to make uniform the law with respect thereto, and to repeal Sections 20-311, through 20-336, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, embodying the "Uniform Support of Dependents Act".

LEGISLATION OF LOCAL INTEREST

The following local legislation should be of interest to the members of the Bar in the counties affected thereby:

An Act⁴³ to amend Section 15-1813, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to limitations on the practice of law in certain courts by Masters, and certain exceptions thereto, so as to permit any lawyer holding the office of Master in Abbeville County to practice law in all courts of the state and the United States except in matters of equity in which the Master may have to act officially.

An Act⁴⁴ to amend Section 15-279, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, pertaining to the terms of court in the Tenth Judicial Circuit, so as to rearrange the terms in the circuit.

An Act⁴⁵ authorizing any firm or its agents engaged in the revaluation of property for tax purposes to enter on the lands of any person in Beaufort County for the purpose of properly appraising and revaluating such lands.

An Act⁴⁶ to amend Section 65-1614, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to returns of real and personal property, so as to provide for such returns in Beaufort County, and to repeal Section 65-1646, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to the time for making property returns in Beaufort County.

An Act⁴⁷ to amend Sections 15-501, 15-1801 and 15-1813, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, which relate to Masters in Equity, so as to provide a Master in Equity for Berkeley County.

An Act⁴⁸ to amend Section 60-5, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to the filling of any vacancy in the office of Register of Mesne Conveyances in Charleston and Greenville Counties, so as to eliminate Charleston County from the provisions thereof, and to add a new Section, 60-5.1, so as to require a special election in Charles-

42. Ratification No. 556, approved January 29, 1954.

43. Ratification No. 573, approved February 8, 1954.

44. Ratification No. 801, approved March 25, 1954.

45. Ratification No. 691, approved March 18, 1954.

46. Ratification No. 894, approved April 13, 1954.

47. Ratification No. 748, approved March 19, 1954.

48. Ratification No. 627, approved February 25, 1954.

ton County in case of a vacancy in the office of Register of Mesne Conveyances.

An Act⁴⁹ to amend Subsection (1) of Section 15-278, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, as amended by Act No. 65 of the Acts of 1953, relating to the terms of court in the Ninth Judicial Circuit, so as to provide that there shall be five weeks for the disposal of jury matters in the term of the Court of Common Pleas in the County of Charleston beginning the third Monday in October.

An Act⁵⁰ to amend Act No. 15 of the Acts of 1953, relating to certain tax exemptions in Chesterfield County, so as to provide an exemption for new hospital facilities or medical clinics.

A Joint Resolution⁵¹ proposing an amendment to Section 20, Article V of the Constitution, so as to increase the terms of office of magistrates in Clarendon County from two to four years.

An Act⁵² to provide for property tax exemptions for manufacturing and processing enterprises in Colleton County and to establish procedure therefor.

An Act⁵³ to amend Section 65-1550, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, exempting manufacturing establishments in Dillon County from county taxes, so as to further define when manufacturing or processing establishments may be exempted from such taxes.

An Act⁵⁴ to amend Subsection (2) of Section 27-422, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to fees and mileage in worthless check cases in certain counties, so as to bring Edgefield County within the provisions thereof.

An Act⁵⁵ to amend Section 43-751, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to the judicial districts for magistrates in Edgefield County, so as to further provide for such districts.

An Act⁵⁶ to amend Subsections (5) and (7) of Section 28-5, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, so as to transfer Florence County from Game Zone 7 to Game Zone 5 and to make Florence County subject to all Game Laws affecting Game Zone 5.

An Act⁵⁷ to establish a juvenile and domestic relations court for Greenville County, to define its jurisdiction and powers, and to repeal Sections 15-1301 through 15-1317, Code of Laws of South Caro-

49. Ratification No. 588, approved February 10, 1954.

50. Ratification No. 909, approved April 12, 1954.

51. Ratification No. 629, ratified February 25, 1954.

52. Ratification No. 721, approved March 18, 1954.

53. Ratification No. 620, approved February 25, 1954.

54. Ratification No. 611, approved February 22, 1954.

55. Ratification No. 709, approved March 18, 1954.

56. Ratification No. 560, approved February 4, 1954.

57. Ratification No. 920, approved April 23, 1954.

lina, 1952, which provide for a children's court of Greenville County.

An Act⁵⁸ to amend Section 43-802, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to the jurisdiction of magistrates in Greenville County, so as to give the magistrate in Austin Township countywide jurisdiction.

An Act⁵⁹ to place the judge of probate of Horry County on a salary basis instead of a fee basis.

An Act⁶⁰ to amend the Code of 1952 by adding a new section to be known as Section 65-2471, so as to require the tax collector of Horry County to give written notice to the owner before any real estate is levied upon for taxes, and to require a notice of such levy to be posted on the premises.

An Act⁶¹ to amend Subdivision (5) of Section 38-308, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, so as to provide for an increase in pay of jurors in the circuit court of Horry County.

An Act⁶² to transfer Lancaster County from Game Zone 4 to Game Zone 5.

A Joint Resolution⁶³ proposing an amendment to Article V, Section 21, of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, relating to the jurisdiction of magistrates, so as to increase the jurisdiction in civil cases of the magistrate of the Bishopville Magisterial District in Lee County to where the value of property in controversy or amount claimed is not more than five hundred dollars.

An Act⁶⁴ to amend Section 65-1523, relating to specific property exempt from taxation, so as to exempt the property of Cayce Masonic Lodge No. 384 A. F. M. from state, county and municipal taxes.

An Act⁶⁵ to amend Subsection (2) of Section 15-280, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to terms of court in McCormick County so as to increase the length of terms of the Court of General Sessions.

An Act⁶⁶ to amend Subsection (2) of Section 15-280, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, as amended by an Act of 1954 bearing ratification No. 552, relating to terms of court in McCormick County, so as to further provide for the jurors thereof.

58. Ratification No. 867, approved March 30, 1954.

59. Ratification No. 687, approved March 18, 1954.

60. Ratification No. 733, approved March 18, 1954.

61. Ratification No. 800, approved March 25, 1954.

62. Ratification No. 599, approved February 17, 1954.

63. Ratification No. 753, ratified March 20, 1954.

64. Ratification No. 577, approved February 8, 1954.

65. Ratification No. 552, approved January 26, 1954.

66. Ratification No. 624, approved February 25, 1954.

A Joint Resolution⁶⁷ proposing an amendment to Article V, Section 21 of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, relating to the jurisdiction of magistrates, so as to increase the jurisdiction in civil cases of the magistrates in Marion County to where the value of property in controversy or amount claimed is not more than two hundred dollars.

An Act⁶⁸ to amend Section 43-891, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to magistrates in Marion County, so as to create and define five magisterial districts with one magistrate each in Marion County, to define the voting precincts comprising such magisterial districts, and to require each person seeking appointment as magistrate to be a candidate in the regular primary election.

An Act⁶⁹ to exempt certain manufacturing enterprises and additions thereto in Marlboro County from all taxes, except for school purposes, for a period of five years.

An Act⁷⁰ to amend Section 43-921 of the 1952 Code, relating to magisterial districts in Newberry County, so as to increase and redesignate the districts and define the jurisdiction thereof.

An Act⁷¹ to amend Subsection 4, of Section 15-277, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, prescribing the terms of court in the Eighth Judicial Circuit so as to authorize an additional equity term in Newberry County.

An Act⁷² to amend Section 27-92, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to fees for the clerk of court of Orangeburg County so as to change the fee allowed for recording chattel mortgages in the county.

A Joint Resolution⁷³ proposing an amendment to Section 20, Article V of the Constitution, so as to increase the terms of office of magistrates in Pickens County from two to four years.

An Act⁷⁴ to amend Act No. 991 of the Acts of 1928, relating to the title to certain property in the City of Columbia, so as to give fee simple title to the Board of Deacons or other governing body of Riverside Baptist Church.

An Act⁷⁵ to authorize the clerk of court of Richland County to destroy certain records.

67. Ratification No. 950, ratified April 2, 1954.

68. Ratification No. 579, approved February 10, 1954.

69. Ratification No. 653, approved March 4, 1954.

70. Ratification No. 747, approved March 19, 1954.

71. Ratification No. 697, approved March 18, 1954.

72. Ratification No. 613, approved February 22, 1954.

73. Ratification No. 797, ratified March 24, 1954.

74. Ratification No. 572, approved February 3, 1954.

75. Ratification No. 850, approved March 26, 1954.

An Act⁷⁶ to transfer a certain area in Richland County from one magisterial district to another, from one voting precinct to another and from one township to another.

An Act⁷⁷ to amend Section 65-1527, as last amended by an Act of the General Assembly of 1953, bearing Ratification No. 465, providing for exemption of county taxes, except for school purposes, for all additions to existing manufacturing establishments in certain counties by deleting Saluda County from those granting such exemptions.

An Act⁷⁸ providing for certain tax exemptions for certain manufacturing or processing enterprises located in Saluda County.

An Act⁷⁹ to amend Section 15-1031, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to the municipal court in the City of Spartanburg, so as to further provide for meetings of the court.

An Act⁸⁰ to amend the Code of Laws of 1952 by adding a new section to be known as Section 43-1015.1, so as to provide for service of papers by special constables in Spartanburg County, and to schedule the costs therefor.

An Act⁸¹ to amend Subsection (3) of Section 15-264, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to the terms of court in Sumter County, so as to further provide for such terms.

An Act⁸² to impose a fee in Sumter County upon estates where real property is transferred and to provide for its disposition.

An Act⁸³ to repeal Sections 43-1033, 43-1038, 43-1041, 43-1042, 43-1043, 43-1044, 43-1045, 43-1046, 43-1047, 43-1048, 43-1049 and 43-1050, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, relating to the third magisterial district in Sumter County and to further provide for the jurisdiction of the magistrate in the district and to transfer certain cases.

An Act⁸⁴ to provide for the establishment of the civil and domestic relations court of Sumter County.

An Act⁸⁵ to amend an Act approved by the Governor, February 22, 1954, bearing ratification No. 608, relating to the establishment of a civil and domestic relations court in Sumter County, so as to pro-

76. Ratification No. 720, approved March 18, 1954.

77. Ratification No. 728, approved March 18, 1954.

78. Ratification No. 746, approved March 19, 1954.

79. Ratification No. 718, approved March 18, 1954.

80. Ratification No. 615, approved February 25, 1954.

81. Ratification No. 565, approved February 4, 1954.

82. Ratification No. 855, approved March 25, 1954.

83. Ratification No. 717, approved March 18, 1954.

84. Ratification No. 608, approved February 22, 1954.

85. Ratification No. 735, approved March 18, 1954.

vide that certain cases which may be referred to a Master cannot be referred without consent of counsel and to provide that other courts shall have original jurisdiction for traffic violations by children under eighteen years of age.

A Joint Resolution⁸⁶ proposing an amendment to Section 20 of Article V of the Constitution of this state, relating to the terms of office of magistrates so as to increase the terms of the magistrates in Union County from two to four years.

An Act⁸⁷ to extend the life and operation of the juvenile and domestic relations court and commission in Catawba and Ebenezer townships of York County until July 1, 1956.

An Act⁸⁸ to require jurors who wish to be excused from jury duty of the court of General Sessions in York County to report on the first day of the court to make such request.

86. Ratification No. 688, ratified March 16, 1954.

87. Ratification No. 891, approved March 31, 1954.

88. Ratification No. 769, approved March 23, 1954.