

**RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY SUPPORTING
PARTISAN VOTER REGISTRATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS the Platform of the South Carolina Republican Party endorses the principle of partisan voter registration; and

WHEREAS H3643 would provide that:

1. Voters would be given the option to register with a political party or be unaffiliated; and
2. Unless otherwise decided by a political party, only voters registered with that political party or who are unaffiliated can vote in any particular party's primary election; and
3. When an unaffiliated voter participates in a political party's primary, the voter is automatically registered with that political party; and
4. An individual registered with one political party wishing to vote in another party's primary would need to change their party registration at least 45 days prior to such primary; and
5. Candidates wishing to file to represent a party on the ballot would need to be registered with that party 45 days prior to the opening of the filing period AND would need to have voted in at least 2 of the last 3 statewide primaries, unless the respective state party committee votes to grant such candidate a waiver; and

WHEREAS H3643 would also change the timeline for filing for office to reduce the overall candidate filing period to 10 days and thereby increase the certification period for political parties to process and certify candidates to the State Election Commission to 10 days; and

WHEREAS currently, third-party candidates that nominate by convention are not required to pay a filing fee when they file for office, and **WHEREAS** H3643 would require that candidates of all political parties, regardless of nomination process, to pay a filing fee in order to gain access to the ballot;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Carolina Republican Party endorses H3643 and encourages all Republican legislators to speedily approve this legislation.