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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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3/20/2018 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 75](file:///h:\hj\20180320.docx))

3/20/2018 House Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 75](file:///h:\hj\20180320.docx))

3/21/2018 House Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 55](file:///h:\hj\20180321.docx))

3/22/2018 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 17](file:///h:\hj\20180322.docx))

3/22/2018 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 17](file:///h:\hj\20180322.docx))

3/22/2018 House Roll call Yeas‑100 Nays‑2 ([House Journal‑page 18](file:///h:\hj\20180322.docx))

3/22/2018 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day ([House Journal‑page 19](file:///h:\hj\20180322.docx))

3/23/2018 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 1](file:///h:\hj\20180323.docx))

3/27/2018 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\sj\20180327.docx))

3/27/2018 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\sj\20180327.docx))

4/18/2018 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 14](file:///h:\sj\20180418.docx))

4/25/2018 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 38](file:///h:\sj\20180425.docx))

4/26/2018 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\sj\20180426.docx))

4/26/2018 Senate Roll call Ayes‑25 Nays‑17 ([Senate Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\sj\20180426.docx))

5/10/2018 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 120](file:///h:\sj\20180510.docx))

5/10/2018 Senate Roll call Ayes‑23 Nays‑17 ([Senate Journal‑page 120](file:///h:\sj\20180510.docx))

5/10/2018 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 120](file:///h:\hj\20180510.docx))

5/10/2018 House Roll call Yeas‑91 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 120](file:///h:\hj\20180510.docx))

5/14/2018 Ratified R 277

5/18/2018 Signed By Governor

5/25/2018 Effective date 05/18/18

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(A233, R277, H5153)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 42‑17‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CERTAIN WORKERS’ COMPENSATION COMMISSION HEARINGS CONCERNING COMPENSATION PAYABLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THESE HEARINGS MUST BE HELD IN THE DISTRICTS IN WHICH THE INJURIES OCCURRED INSTEAD OF THE CITIES OR COUNTIES IN WHICH THE INJURIES OCCURRED, BUT NO GREATER THAN SEVENTY‑FIVE MILES FROM THE COUNTY SEAT OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE INJURY OCCURRED, AND TO DEFINE COUNTY SEAT AND DISTRICTS FOR THIS PURPOSE.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Location of hearings**

SECTION 1. Section 42‑17‑20 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 42‑17‑20. If the employer and the injured employee or his dependents fail to reach an agreement in regard to compensation under this title within fourteen days after the employer has knowledge of the injury or after a death or if they have reached such an agreement which has been signed and filed with the commission and compensation has been paid or is due in accordance therewith and the parties thereto then disagree as to the continuance of any weekly payment under such agreement, either party may make application to the commission for a hearing in regard to the matters at issue and for a ruling thereon. Immediately after such application has been received the commission shall set a date for a hearing, which shall be held as soon as practicable, and shall notify the parties at issue of the time and place of such hearing. The hearing shall be held in the district in which the injury occurred, but no greater than seventy‑five miles from the county seat of the county in which the injury occurred, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties and authorized by the commission. For purposes of this section, the ‘county seat’ is the county courthouse. These districts are defined as those districts designated by the commission and in effect as of January 1, 2018.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 14th day of May, 2018.

Approved the 18th day of May, 2018.

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