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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 22‑1‑45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE SENATE TO APPEAR AS ATTORNEY AT LAW IN A MAGISTRATES COURT LOCATED IN A COUNTY REPRESENTED BY THE SENATOR.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 22 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 Section 22‑1‑45. It shall be unlawful for a current member of the Senate to appear as attorney at law in a magistrates court located in a county represented by the Senator. The office of a Senator who violates the provisions of this section must be declared vacant.

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

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