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THE STATE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA. THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA: At a Convention of the People of the State of South Carolina, begun and holden at Columbia, on the Tenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and thence continued by divers adjournments to the Fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five. Preamble We, the people of the State of South Carolina, in Convention assembled, grateful to God for our liberties, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the preservation and perpetuation of the same. ARTICLE I DECLARATION OF RIGHTS SECTION 1. All political power is vested in and derived from the people of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five. Preamble We, the people of the State of South Carolina, in Convention assembled, grateful to God for our liberties, do ordain and establish this Constitution. SEC. 3. The General Assembly shall man hull, therefore they have the right at all times to modify their form of government. SEC. 2. The General Assembly shall man ke no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Covernment or any department thereof for a redress of grievances. SEC. 5. The privileges and immunities of citizens of this State and of the United States under this Constitution shall not be abridged, nor shall any person be denied the equal protection of the laws. SEC. 6. All property subject to taxation shall be taxed in preson be denied the equal protection of the laws. SEC. 6. All property subject to taxation shall be taxed in privation of contracts, nor law granting any title of nobility or hereditary emolument, shall be taxed in proportion of contracts, nor law granting any title of nobility or hereditary emolument, shall be taxed in proportion of contracts, nor law granting any title of nobility or hereditary emolument, shall be protected by law regulating elections and prohibiting, under adequate penalties, all undue influences from power, britise the eard open, and every inhabitant of this Constitution, shall be processed by the region of the laws shall be recessary for an election to or the holding of any office. No beginning the respective of holding of any office. No beginning the respective of holding any office of honor or trust in this Constitution any person who shall light a due to respect to the contract of the state of the 
e inflicted. The power to punish for contempt shall not in any case extend to imprisonment in the State penitentiary. SEC. 20. All persons shall, before conviction, be bailable by sufficient sureties, except for capital offences when the proof is evident or the presumption great. SEC. 21. In all indictments or prosecutions for libel, the truth of the alleged libel may, be given in evidence, and the jury shall be the judges of the law and the facts. SEC. 22. Treason against the State. No person shall be held guilty of treason, except upon testimony of at least two witnesses to the same overt act, or upon confession in op hall consist alone in levying war or in giving aid and comfort to enemies against the State. No person shall be imprisoned for debt except in cases of fraud. SEC. 25. The right of trial by jury shall not be suspended unless w
idence, and the jury shall be the judges of the law and the facts. SEC. 22. Treason against the State s
en Court. SEC. 23. The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended unless w
Il be preserved inviolate. SEC. 26. A well regulated militia being necessary to the security o
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            f a free State; the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. As in times of peace armies are dangerous to liberty, they shall not be maintained without the consent of the
General Assembly. The military power of the State shall always be held in subordi
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ribed by law. SEC. 27. No person shall in any case be subject to martial law
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           lic highways free to the citizens of the State and the United States without tax, impost or toll imposed; and no tax, toll, impost or wharfage shall be imposed, demanded or received freshores or any wharf erected on the shores or in or over the waters of any navigable stream unless the same be authorized by the General Assembly. SEC. 29. The provisions of the
eral Assembly. SEC. 28. All navigable waters shall forever remain pub
om the owners of any merchandise or commodity for the use of the
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Constitution shall be taken, deemed and construed to be mandato
the people shall be by ballot, and elections shall never be held
person shall hold two offices of honor or profit at the same ti
States twenty-one years of age and upwards, not laboring u
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Residence in the State for two years, in the County one y
ministers in charge of an organized church and teachers
ce in ten years, and also an enrollment during each and
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8, all male persons of voting age applying for registrati
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t, 1898, sworn to by the registration officer, shall be filed, o
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8, and such persons shall remain during life qualified elector
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y of State shall be sufficient evidence to establish the right of sa
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person who shall apply for registration after January 1st, 1898, If
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sessed at three hundred dollars ($300) or more. (e) Managers of electi
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of the payment of all taxes, including poll tax, assessed against him and collecti
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or destroyed, if the applicant is still a qualified elector under the provisions of this Constitu
ized to collect such taxes shall be conclusive proof of the payment thereof. (f) The
istration, and shall provide for the renewal of such certificate when lost, mutilated
tion, or if he has been registered as provided in subsection (c). SEC. 5. Any person
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udge thereof, and thence to the Supreme Court, to determine his right to vote under
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, and the General Assembly shall provide b law for such appeal, and for the correctio
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n laws. SEC. 6. The following persons are disqualified from being registered or voting:
pretenses, perjury, forgery, robbery, bribery, adultery, bigamy, wife-beating, house-bre
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odomy, incest, assault with intent to ravish, miscegenation, larceny, or crimes against t
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disqualification. Second. Persons who are idiots, insane, paupers supported at the pub
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se of voting, no person shall be deemed to have gained or lost a residence by reason of
, nor while engaged in the navigation of the waters of this State, or of the United States, o
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8. The General Assembly shall provide by law for the registration of all qualified electors, a
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the results of the same: - Provided, At the first registration under this Constitution, and until
ard of three discreet persons in each County, to be appointed by the Governor, by and with th
rovided for under this Constitution, the registration books shall be kept open for at least six co
ek in each month, up to thirty days next preceding the first election to be held under this Constit
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he inspection of any citizen at all times. SEC. 9. The General Assembly shall provide for the estab
tate, and those now existing shall so continue until abolished or changed. Each elector shall be req
de for his transfer to another precinct upon his, change of residence. SEC. 10. The General Assembly
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s and punishing fraud at the same. SEC. 11. The registration books shall close at least thirty days before
on shall not be legal: Provided, Persons who will become of age during that period shall be entitled to regis in municipal elections shall possess the qualifications and be subject to the disqualifications herein prescribe
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registration officers of the County as an elector at a precinct included in the incorporated city or town in which t
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o his obtaining a certificate of registration for municipal elections, and in addition he must have been a resident w
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and have paid all taxes due and collectible for the preceding fiscal year. The General Assembly shall provide for th
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vided, That nothing herein contained shall apply to any municipal elections which my be held prior to the general el
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ny incorporated city or town in this State for the purpose of bonding the same, the General Assembly shall prescribe
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ajority of the freeholders of said city or town as shown by its tax books, and at such elections all electors of such city
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and who have paid all taxes, State, County and municipal for the previous year shall be allowed to vote; and the vote of
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issue of said bonds. SEC. 14. Electors shall in all cases except treason, felony, or a breach of the peace, be privileged from a
and returning therefrom. SEC. 15. No power civil, or military shall at any time interfere to prevent the free exercise of the right
he legislative power of this State shall be vested in two distinct branches, the one to be styled the "Senate" and the other the "H
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of South Carolina." SEC. 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of members chosen by ballot every second year by c
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e of Representatives shall consist of one hundred and twenty-four members, to be apportioned among the several Counties accordi
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e Election District. An enumeration of the inhabitants for this purpose shall be made in the year nineteen hundred and one, and shal
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law directed: Provided, That the General Assembly may at any time, in its discretion, adopt the immediately preceding, United State
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, and make the apportionment of Representatives among the several Counties according to said enumeration: Provided, further, Th
ffect, the representation of the several Counties as they now exist (including the County of Saluda established by ordinance) shall be
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arleston, 9; Chester, 3; Chesterfield, 2; Clarendon, 4; Colleton, 4; Darlington, 3; Edgefield, 3; Fairfield, 3; Florence, 3; Georgetown, 2; Gr
arion, 3; Marlboro, 3; Newberry, 3; Oconee, 2; Orangeburg, 5; Pickens, 2; Richland, 4; Saluda, 2; Spartanburg, 6; Sumter, 5; Union, 3; Wil
tablished, then the General Assembly shall reapportion the Representatives between the Counties. SEC. 4. In assigning Representatives
ne hundred and twenty-fourth part of the whole number of inhabitants in the State: Provided, That if in the apportionment of Representatives
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h County shall, nevertheless, send one Representative; and if there be still a deficiency in the number of Representatives required by Section
hose Counties having the surplus fractions. SEC. 5. No apportionment of Representatives shall take effect until the general election which sh
om each County, to be elected for the term of four years by the qualified electors in each County, in the same manner in which members of the H
ate or House of Representatives who, at the time of his election, is not a duly qualified elector under this Constitution in the County in which he ma
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rs of age. SEC. 8. The first election for members of the House of Representatives under this Constitution shall be held on Tuesday after the first Monda
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er and at such places as the General Assembly may prescribe; and the first election for Senators shall be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in Novem
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here was an election for Senator in eighteen hundred and ninety-four for a full term, in which Counties no election for Senator shall be held until the general
ncies. Senators shall be so classified that one-half of their number, as nearly as practicable, shall be chosen every two years. Whenever the General Assem
such Counties as to observe such classification. SEC. 9. The annual session of the General Assembly heretofore elected, fixed by the Constitution of the ye
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and ninety-five, is hereby postponed, and the same shall be convened and held in the city of Columbia on the second Tuesday of January, in the year eigl
ne in Colúmbia on the sécond Tuesday in January, in the year eighteen hundred and ninéty- seven, and thereafter annually at the same time and place. Should
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may, by proclamation, appoint a more secure and convenient place of meeting. Members of the General Assembly shall not receive any compensation for more
Assembly under this Constitution. SEC. 10. The terms of office of the Senators and Representatives chosen at a general election shall begin on the Monday follo
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majority of each house shall constitute a quorum to do business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and may compel the attendance of absent
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wn officers, determine its rules of procedure, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and, with the concurrence of two-thirds, expel a member, but not a se
shall be guilty of disrespect to the house by any disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its presence, or who, during the time of its sitting, shall threaten harm to all assault or arrest any witness or other person ordered to attend the house in his going thereto or returning therefrom, or who shall rescue any person arrested Assembly. SEC. 14. The members of both houses shall be protected in their persons and estates during their attendance on, going to and returning from the Genct any member who shall be charged with treason or breach of the peace. SEC. 15. Bills for raising revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives, but member who shall be charged with treason or breach of the peace.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         by order of the house: Provided, That such time of imprisonment shall not in any case extend beyond the session of the General
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d by the other. SEC. 16. The style of all laws shall be: " Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina." SEC. 1.7. Every Act or resolution ha
e force of law until it shall have been read three times and on three several days in each house, has had the Great Seal of the State affixed to it, and has been signed by
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives: Provided, That either branch of the General Assembly, may prov
de by rule for a first and third reading of any Bill or Joint Resolution by its title only. SEC. 19. Each member of the General Assembly shall receive five cents for every mile
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ease the per diem of its own members; and members of the General Assembly when convened in extra session shall receive the same compensation as is fixed by law for t
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be entered upon the journal of the house to which they respectively belong. SEC. 21. Neither house, during the session of the General Assembly, shall, without the consent
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n proceedings, and cause the same to be published immediately after its adjournment, excepting such parts as, in its judgment, may require secrecy; and the yeas and nays
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            of the members of either house, on any question, shall, at the desire of ten members of the House or five members of the Senate, respectively, be entered on t
e journal. Any member of either house shall have liberty to dissent from and protest against any Act or resolution which he may think injurious to the public or to an individu
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              al, and have the reasons of his dissent entered on the journal. SEC. 23. The doors of each house shall be open, except on such occasions as in the opinion of
the House may require secrecy. SEC. 24. No person shall be eligible to a seat in the General Assembly while he holds any office or position of profit or trust under this State, t
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             he United States of America, or any of them, or under any other power, except officers in the militia or Notaries Public and if any member shall accept or exerci
se any of the said disqualifying offices or positions he shall vacate his seat. SEC. 25. If any election district shall neglect to choose a member or members on the day of election
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              if any person chosen a member of either house shall refuse to qualify and take his seat, or shall resign, die or depart from the State, accept any disqualifying
office or position, or become otherwise disqualified to hold his sent, a writ of election shall be issued by the President of the Senate or Speaker of the House of Representatives,
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ying, departing the State, or becoming disqualified, was elected to serve, or the defaulting election district ought to have chosen a member or members. SEC. 26. Members of the
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     I Assembly, and all officers, before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices, and all members of the bar, before they enter upon the practice of their professional professi
ession, shall take and subscribe the following oath: " I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am duly qualified, according to the Constitution of this State, to exercise the duties o
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n of this State and of the United States. I do further solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not since the first day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-one, engag
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nd or otherwise. So help me God." SEC. 27. Officers shall bé removed for incápacity, misconduct or neglect of duty in such mannér as máy be provided by law, when no mode of
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al process issued from any Court. to the head of any family residing in this State, a homestead in lands, whether held in fee or any lesser estate, to the value of one thousand dol
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te, whether entitled to a homestead exemption in lands or not, personal property to the value of five hundred dollars or so much thereof as the property is worth if its value is les
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reafter contracted except as hereinafter provided: Provided. That in case any woman having a separate estate shall be married to the head of a family who has not of his own suffic
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t there shall not be an allowance of more than one thousand dollars' worth of real estate and more than five hundred dollars' worth of personal property to the husband and wife jointly: Pr ovided, further, That no property shall be exempt from attachment, levy or sale for taxes, or for payment of obligations contracted for the purchase of said homestead or personal proper
ty exemption or the erection or making of improvements or repairs thereon: Provided, further, That the yearly products of said homestead shall not be exempt from attachment, levy or sale for the payment of obligations contracted in the products of said homestead shall not be exempt from attachment, levy or sale for the payment of obligations contracted in the products of said homestead shall not be exempt from attachment, levy or sale for the payment of obligations contracted in the products of said homestead shall not be exempt from attachment, levy or sale for the payment of obligations contracted in the products of said homestead shall not be exempt from attachment, levy or sale for the payment of obligations contracted in the payment of obligations contracted i
onveyance, or by mortgage, and only as against the mortgage debt; and no judgment creditor or other creditor whose lien does not bind the homestead and other property shall first exhaust the homestead and other property shall first exhaust the homestead in lands has been set off and recorded the same shall not be waived by deed of conveyance, mortgage or otherwise, unless the same be executed by both husband and wife, if both be living: Provided, further, That any person not the head of a family shall be entitled to a like exemption as provided for the head of a family in all necessary wearing apparel and tools and implements of trade, not to exceed in value the
um of three hundred dollars. SEC. 29. All taxes upon property, real and personal, shall be laid upon the actual value of the property taxed, as the same shall be ascertained by an assessment made for the purpose of laying such tax. SEC. 30. The General Assembly shall never grant extra compensation, fee or allowance to any public officer, agent., servant or contractor afte
service rendered, or contract made, nor authorize payment of part payment of any claim under any contract not authorized by law, but appropriations may be made for expenditures in repelling invasion, preventing or suppressing insurrection. SEC. 31. Lands belonging to or under the control of the State shall never be donated, directly or indirectly, to private corporations
or individuals, or to railroad companies. Nor shall such land be sold to corporations, for a less price than that for which it can be sold to individuals. This, however, shall not prevent the General Assembly from granting a right of way, not exceeding one hundred and fifty feet in width, as a mere easement to railroads across State lands, nor to interfere with the discretion of the General Assembly in confirming the title to lands claimed to belong to the State, but used or possessed by other parties under an adverse claim. SEC. 32. The General Assembly shall not authorize payment to any person of the salary of a deceased officer beyond the date of his death; nor grant pensions except for military and naval service; nor retire an yofficer on pay or part pay. SEC. 33. The marriage of a white person with a negro or mulatto, or person who shall have one-eighth or more negro blood, shall be unlawful and void. No unmarried woman shall legally consent to sexual intercourse who shall not have attained the age of fourteen years. SEC. 34. The General Assembly of this State shall not enact local or special legally consent to general assembly of the following subjects or for any of the following purposes, to wit: I. To change the names of persons or places. II. To lay out, open, alter or work roads or highways. III. To incorporate educational, religious, charitable, social, manufacturing or banking institut
ions not under the control of the State, or amend or extend the charters thereof. V. To incorporate school districts. VI. To authorize the adoption or legitimation of children. VII To provide for the protection of game. VIII. To summon and empanel grand or petit jurors. IX. To provide for the age at which citizens shall be subject to road or other public duty. X. To fix the amount or manner of compensation to be paid to any County officer, except, that the laws may be so made as to grade the compensation in proportion to the population and necessary service required. XII. The General Assembly shall forthwith enact general laws concerning said sub
jects for said purposes, which shall be uniform in their operations: Provided, That nothing contained in this Section shall not apply to charitable and educational corporations where, under the terms of a gift, devise or will, special incorporation may be required. SECTION 35. It shall be the duly of the General Assembly to enact laws limiting the number of acres of land which any alien or any corporation controlled by aliens may own within this state. ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT SECTION 1. The supreme executive authority of this State shall be vested in a Chief Magistrate, who shall be styled "The Governor of the
State of South Carolina." SEC. 2. The Governor shall be elected by the electors duly qualified to vote for members of the House of Representatives, and shall be elected at the first General election held under this Constitution for members of the General Assembly, and at each general election thereafter, and shall be installed during the first session of the said General Assembly after his election, on such day as shall be provided by law. The other State officers-elect shall at the same time enter upon the performance of their duties.
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