

**SECTION 1-3-230. Appointment of poet laureate.**

The Governor may name and appoint some outstanding and distinguished man of letters as poet laureate for the State of South Carolina.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 1-123; 1952 Code Section 1-123; 1942 Code Section 3094; 1932 Code Section 3094; Civ. C. '22 Section 779; Civ. C. '12 Section 695; Civ. C. '02 Section 625; G. S. 477; R. S. 541; 1875 (15) 935; 1909 (26) 127; 1911 (27) 5; 1924 (33) 1016; 1933 (38) 296; 1934 (38) 1299.

**SECTION 1-3-240. Removal of officers by Governor.**

(A) Any officer of the county or State, except:

- (1) an officer whose removal is provided for in Section 3 of Article XV of the State Constitution;
- (2) an officer guilty of the offense named in Section 8 of Article VI of the State Constitution; or

(3) pursuant to subsection (B) of this section, an officer of the State appointed by the Governor, either with or without the advice and consent of the Senate; who is guilty of malfeasance, misfeasance, incompetency, absenteeism, conflicts of interest, misconduct, persistent neglect of duty in office, or incapacity must be subject to removal by the Governor upon any of the foregoing causes being made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor. Before removing any such officer, the Governor shall inform him in writing of the specific charges brought against him and give him an opportunity on reasonable notice to be heard.

(B) A person appointed to a state office by the Governor, either with or without the advice and consent of the Senate, other than those officers enumerated in subsection (C), may be removed from office by the Governor at his discretion by an Executive Order removing the officer.

(C)(1) Persons appointed to the following offices of the State may be removed by the Governor for malfeasance, misfeasance, incompetency, absenteeism, conflicts of interest, misconduct, persistent neglect of duty in office, or incapacity:

- (a) Workers' Compensation Commission;
- (b) [Repealed]
- (c) Ethics Commission;
- (d) Election Commission;
- (e) Professional and Occupational Licensing Boards;
- (f) Juvenile Parole Board;
- (g) Probation, Parole and Pardon Board;
- (h) Director of the Department of Public Safety;
- (i) Board of the Department of Health and Environmental Control, excepting the chairman;
- (j) Chief of State Law Enforcement Division;
- (k) South Carolina Lottery Commission;
- (l) Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff;

(m) Directors of the South Carolina Public Service Authority appointed pursuant to Section 58-31-20. A director of the South Carolina Public Service Authority also may be removed for his breach of any duty arising under Section 58-31-55 or 58-31-56. The Governor must not request a director of the South Carolina Public Service Authority to resign unless cause for removal, as established by this subsection, exists. Removal of a director of the South Carolina Public Service Authority, except as is provided by this section or by Section 58-31-20(A), must be considered to be an irreparable injury for which no adequate remedy at law exists;

(n) State Ports Authority;

Text of (C)(1)(o) through (C)(1)(p) effective until July 1, 2017.

(o) State Inspector General; and

(p) State Adjutant General.

Text of (C)(1)(o) through (C)(1)(r) effective July 1, 2017.

(o) State Inspector General;

(p) State Adjutant General;

(q) South Carolina Retirement Investment Commission members appointed by the Governor or members of the General Assembly; and

(r) South Carolina Public Benefit Authority members.

(2) Upon the expiration of an officeholder's term, the individual may continue to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 1-124; 1952 Code Section 1-124; 1942 Code Section 3098; 1932 Code Section 3098; 1924 (33) 997; 1993 Act No. 181, Section 6; 2001 Act No. 59, Section 3; 2004 Act No. 175, Section 1, eff March 4, 2004; 2005 Act No. 137, Section 1, eff May 25, 2005; 2007 Act No. 114, Section 3, eff June 27, 2007; 2009 Act No. 73, Section 16, eff June 16, 2009; 2012 Act No. 105, Section 1, eff January 1, 2012; 2014 Act No. 224 (H.3540), Section 1, eff March 5, 2015; 2016 Act No. 275 (S.1258), Section 86, eff July 1, 2016; 2017 Act No. 13 (H.3726), Pt. V, Section 16, eff July 1, 2017.

**Editor's Note**

2014 Act No. 224, Section 4, provides as follows:

"SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon the ratification of amendments to Section 7, Article VI, and Section 4, Article XIII of the Constitution of this State deleting the requirement that the Adjutant General be elected by the qualified electors of this State and providing that he be appointed by the Governor."

2015 Act No. 1 (S.8) Sections 1.A, 1.B, eff March 5, 2015, ratified amendments to Section 7, Article VI, and Section 4, Article XIII of the Constitution.

Effect of Amendment