

Personhood and 2018 South Carolina Legislature *Pass Personhood Now!*

Personhood Legislation was first introduced in the South Carolina General Assembly in February 1998 (H.4558, S.1060), and has been active every year since, including in the current 2017-2018 SC Legislative Session: 2017-2018 Personhood Bills in the SC State Legislature: S.217, H.3530 History of Personhood Legislation in South Carolina (1998 - 2016)

So February 2018 will mark 20 years in which Personhood legislation has been active in the SC State Legislature. Since and including 1998 through 2016, within the time period Personhood legislation has been filed in the SC Legislature,

SC DHEC has reported 128,218 "abortions" [child-murders], averaging over 6,700 children reported murdered in the womb each year on South Carolina soil.

Since reported "abortions" peaked in SC at over 14,000 in 1988, the reported number has never been less than 5,700.

If that number is added to the reported 1998 - 2016 total, then the probable number of children intentionally murdered in their mothers' wombs on South Carolina soil, since Personhood legislation has been filed but not passed into SC Law, approaches 134,00 individual boys and girls not protected from slaughter by

the members of the SC General Assembly, and the SC Governors, 1998 - 2017.

God knows who genuinely tried to pass this legislation, and who inside and outside of the SC General Assembly obstructed, delayed, opposed, and/or hindered the effort to Establish Justice in South Carolina for human "persons" with the SC Personhood Act seeking to Establish Justice for pre-birth human beings (and not just incrementally regulating the murder of these children). South Carolina needs to take this vital, critically important and historic step in the direction of doing what is right before Almighty God.

Former SC Representative Liston Barfield spoke to the issue of doing what is right by passing the bill to establish personhood for children in the womb at a SC House Judiciary Committee Subcommittee Hearing on February 4, 2010: audio of Christian Representative Liston Barfield's passionate, Biblical, prophetic statement before the Constitutional Laws Subcommittee, pleading for the Constitutional Laws Subcommittee members to do what is right. (Audio file: http://christianlifeandliberty.net/DS_20103.mp3)

There are several further options available to continue to pursue Justice should the US

Supreme Court continue to practice the tyranny of judicial supremacy, and arrogate to itself a role beyond its constitutional authority vis-a-vis State Personhood legislation protected by the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. Some of these options can be taken up now (e.g., principled Federal Personhood legislation, such as HR 586, sponsored by US Rep. Rice), contemporaneous with the efforts to pass Personhood legislation at the State level. The point is, if the US Supreme Court exercises judicial supremacist tyranny and either does not take up, or (unconstitutionally) overturns the SC Personhood Act, while a battle may have been lost, the war has not been lost, and will continue.

In 2018, South Carolina has an opportunity to make US history becoming the first State to pass personhood into law, thereby Establishing Justice for pre-birth human beings.

SC Governor Henry McMaster has stated in a letter (Oct 2, 2017) he will sign the Personhood Act into SC Law.

SC Representative Greg Delaney (R-Chester), chairman of the SC House Judiciary Committee has repeatedly stated he will get the bill passed in the SC House of Representatives if it is

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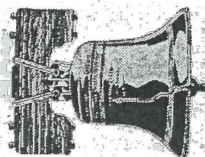
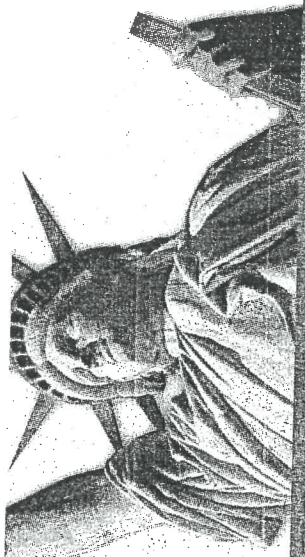
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first passed in the SC Senate.

Senate Bill S.217, the Personhood Act of South Carolina, passed a SC Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on April 26, 2017, and awaits consideration by the full Senate Judiciary Committee chaired by SC Senator Luke Rankin (R-Horry).

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Luke Rankin ("R"-Horry) and his hand-picked pro-"abortion" Democrat S.217 Subcommittee Chair had successfully slow-walked S.217 through an entire Legislative Session, preventing the bill's making it through the Subcommittee till April 26, 2017 with a 3Yes - 2No vote.

Senator Rex Rice (R-Pickens) is to be thanked for his leadership as S.217 primary sponsor.

So, the next step in 2018, which is the 2nd year of the two-year legislative cycle, is for S.217 to be taken up and passed in the first full Judiciary Committee meeting in January 2018. To become law, S.217 must pass both the SC Senate and SC House in 2018.

Pro-personhood leader and articulate spokesman Richard Cash will have been seated

(and assigned to the Judiciary Committee) as a new SC Senator from Anderson after the final Special Election of May 30, 2017. This will provide the 11 pro-personhood votes on a 23-member full Judiciary Committee, meaning another two abstentions; or one more "Yes" vote out of the other 12 Judiciary Committee Senators (comprised of 3 Republicans - Rankin, Campsen, Senn and 9 Democrats - McElveen, McLeod, Johnson and 6 others).

General Calendar for events in 2018:

1) NLT Tuesday, January 16, 2018: Favorable Passage of the Personhood Act of SC (S.217) out of the full Senate Judiciary Committee (presently 13 R, 9 D; should be 14 R, 9 D with Senator Richard Cash added).

2) NLT Tuesday, January 30, 2018: Assignment of the Personhood Act of SC (S.217) to the Special Order slot (giving bill higher priority for full Senate floor debate) of the Senate Rules Committee (presently 10 R, 7 D).

3) NLT Tuesday, April 10, 2018: "Crossover" deadline to get bills from one Chamber to the other. Passage of the Personhood Act of SC (S.217) with no "exceptions" amendments

out of the full SC Senate (28 R, 18 D).

4) NLT Thursday, May 10, 2018: Last day of regular 2018 Legislative Session. Passage of the Personhood Act of SC (S.217 / H.3530) with no "exceptions" amendments out of the full SC House (77 R, 44 D, 3 vacancies).

[Rep. Greg Delleney, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee has repeatedly promised passage in the House.]

5) Prompt Signing of Bill into SC Code of Laws: SC Governor Henry McMaster: "Please know that I strongly support the Personhood Act (H.3530 and S.217) and look forward to signing it into law."

- South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster, Letter to Dr. Matthew Clark, Personhood South Carolina, Oct. 2, 2017.

Please go to <http://www.sc-statehouse.gov/>, click on Senate Committees, then on Judiciary. Calls are needed now from constituents to the 12 Republican Senators listed (beside lead S.217 sponsor Rex Rice), urging them to support and vote for favorable passage of the Personhood Act of SC (S.217) with no "exceptions" amendments out of this Judiciary Committee by Tues., Jan. 16, 2018.