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An electronic search of the SC Code on April 25, 2022 identified 1,021 matches for the word "person", appearing on 103 search pages. In addition, a chapter by chapter search was conducted for Title 2 - General Assembly, only. The result of these two searches identified 40 instances where "person" is independently defined, in 20 different Code Titles (1, 2, 6, 11, 12, 15, 16, 23, 27, 30, 37, 39, 40, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 58).

In eleven Titles, the term "person" is defined in more than one Chapter under that same Title. The detailed listing of Titles and Chapters is provided below.

There are three instances located in Title 1: Section 1-13-30, Section 1-23-10, and Section 1-32-20.

[Title 1 is where currently filed Personhood Bills S.381 and H.3568 have been drafted so as to amend.]

Section 2-7-30 (Title 2) is significant concerning its global definition of "person" for the South Code of Laws ("unless otherwise defined in the act, joint resolution, or regulation"; see below). [Note: Use of the Evolutionary term "species homo sapiens" for human beings is not consistent with a Biblical worldview.]

In Christ,

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Title 2 - General Assembly

SECTION 2-7-30. Construction of words.

(A) The words "person" and "party" and any other word importing the singular number used in any act or joint resolution shall be held to include the plural and to include firms, companies, associations, and corporations and all words in the plural shall apply also to the singular in all cases in which the spirit and intent of the act or joint resolution may require it. All words in an act or joint resolution importing the masculine gender shall apply to females also and words in the feminine gender shall apply to males. And all words importing the present tense shall apply to the future also.

(B)(1) In determining the meaning of any act or joint resolution of the General Assembly or in a regulation promulgated pursuant to Article 1, Chapter 23, Title 1, unless otherwise defined in the act, joint resolution, or regulation, the words "person", "human being", "child", and "individual" must include every infant member of the species homo sapiens who is born alive at any stage of development.

(2) As used in this subsection, the term "born alive", with respect to a member of the species homo sapiens, means the complete expulsion or extraction from the mother of that member, at any stage of development, who after the expulsion or extraction breathes or has a beating heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, regardless of whether the umbilical cord has been cut, and regardless of whether the expulsion or extraction occurs as a result of natural or induced labor, cesarean section, or induced abortion.

(3) Nothing in this subsection may be construed to affirm, deny, expand, or contract any legal status or legal right applicable to any member of the species homo sapiens at any point before being born alive as defined in this subsection.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 30-203; 1952 Code Section 30-203; 1942 Code Section 2081; 1932 Code Section 2081; Civ. C. '22 Section 43; Civ. C. '12 Section 41; Civ. C. '02 Section 38; G. S. 35; R. S. 38; 2012 Act No. 174, Section 2, eff May 25, 2012.

Editor's Note

2012 Act No. 174, Section 1, provides as follows:

"This act may be referred to and cited as the 'Born Alive Infant Protection Act'."

Effect of Amendment

The 2012 amendment rewrote the section.

Titles/Chapters of the SC Code where “Person” is defined*

* Note: Methodology of searches described above. It is possible not all definitions of “person” in the SC Code were identified.

Title / Chapter(s)

Title 1 – Chapters 13, 23, 32

Title 2 – Chapters 7, 17

Title 6 – Chapter 15

Title 11 – Chapters 17, 19, 57

Title 12 – Chapters 22, 35

Title 15 – Chapter 47

Title 16 – Chapter 27

Title 23 – Chapter 36

Title 27 – Chapter 32

Title 30 – Chapter 4

Title 37 – Chapters 15, 25

Title 39 – Chapters 9, 25, 51, 65

Title 40 – Chapters 45, 53

Title 44 – Chapter 54

Title 46 – Chapters 25, 49

Title 47 – Chapters 2, 15

Title 48 – Chapters 43, 44, 49

Title 49 – Chapter 23

Title 50 – Chapter 15

Title 58 – Chapters 5, 9, 17, 23, 27, 33