

History of Personhood Legislation in South Carolina (1998 - 2022)

Personhood legislation was first introduced in the **SC Legislature** in 1998; and has been filed every year since, for now 24 years continuously through 2022.

Principled SC personhood legislation was first introduced in the **SC House of Representatives** in February 1998; and filed continuously through 2022.

Principled SC personhood legislation was first introduced in the **SC Senate** in February 1998; then filed continuously from 2005 through 2018; and then again in 2021-2022.

Summary of Personhood Legislation's greatest progress in SC House and SC Senate (1998 – 2022)

In 2005 the SC House of Representatives passed the Right to Life Act of SC (Personhood Bill), albeit with a fatal flaw rape exception Amendment for use of an abortifacient drug.

In 2016 the SC Senate Judiciary Committee passed the Personhood Bill (Joint Resolution for Amendment to South Carolina State Constitution), and the Bill was placed on the SC Senate Calendar; a subsequent Special Order Vote failed to achieve the 2/3 vote needed.

In 2018 the SC Senate Judiciary Committee passed the Personhood Bill, and the Bill was placed on the SC Senate Calendar; the Senate adopted the Committee Amendment, then no further progress.

F = Vote Failed; P = Vote Passed; NV = No Vote

SC House of Representatives

- SC House Judiciary Committee, Constitutional Laws Subcommittee [Public Hearings](#) were conducted [2001 \(F\)](#), [2004 \(P\)](#), [2005 \(P\)](#), [2008 \(NV\)](#), and [2010 \(NV\)](#).
- SC House Judiciary Committee Meetings were conducted [2004 \(F\)](#), [2005 \(P\)](#).
- SC House of Representatives passed Right to Life Act of SC (Personhood Bill) [2005 \(P\)](#) - albeit with fatal flaw rape exception amendment for use of abortifacient drug).
- South Carolina Attorney General Opinion - [2005](#)

SC Senate

- SC Senate Judiciary Subcommittee [Public Hearings](#) were conducted [2005 \(NV - \[May 4\]\(#\), \[May 18\]\(#\)\)](#), [2014 \(NV - \[March 13\]\(#\), \[April 10\]\(#\)\)](#), [2016 \(P\)](#), and [2017 \(P - \[March 30\]\(#\), \[April 26\]\(#\)\)](#).
- SC Senate Judiciary Committee Meetings were conducted [2016 \(P\)](#), [2018 \(P\)](#).
- Personhood Bill on Calendar of full SC Senate: [2016 \(F - Special Order Vote failed 2/3 needed\)](#); [2018 \(NV - Committee Amendment adopted, nothing further\)](#).
- Recall Attempt - [2010 \(F\)](#)
- Recall Attempt - [2018 \(F\)](#)

1997-1998 Session:

House H.4558 introduced Feb 1998 - www.scstatehouse.gov/sess112_1997-1998/bills/4558.htm

22 co-sponsors

Senate S.1060 introduced Feb 1998 - www.scstatehouse.gov/sess112_1997-1998/bills/1060.htm

9 co-sponsors

1999-2000 Session:

House H.3135 - www.scstatehouse.gov/sess113_1999-2000/bills/3135.htm

20 co-sponsors

No Senate personhood bill

2001-2002 Session

House H.3252 - www.scstatehouse.gov/sess114_2001-2002/bills/3252.htm

27 co-sponsors

No Senate personhood bill

2003-2004 Session

House H.3190 - www.scstatehouse.gov/sess115_2003-2004/bills/3190.htm

34 co-sponsors

No Senate personhood bill

2005-2006 Session

House - H.3213 - www.scstatehouse.gov/sess116_2005-2006/bills/3213.htm

52 co-sponsors

Senate S.111 - www.scstatehouse.gov/sess116_2005-2006/bills/111.htm

7 co-sponsors

SOUTH CAROLINA (2005) - First (only) time Personhood legislation passes SC House of Representatives, albeit with fatal flaw rape "exception" amendment allowing abortifacient drug use

Personhood legislation (Bill - [H.3213](#)) passed in the South Carolina House on Second Reading, April 13, 2005 by a vote of 95 - 18, albeit with a fatal flaw rape EXCEPTION amendment for a so-called "morning-after-pill" (an abortifacient causing chemical abortions) that was added to the bill on the SC House floor prior to passage which allowed for this abortifacient drug to be given to a woman in the case of rape. The bill then passed as amended on Third Reading, April 14, 2005 by a vote of 91 - 10, and was sent to the SC Senate, where it was later assigned to the Judiciary Committee. Two Senate Judiciary Subcommittee Hearings were held, however no Subcommittee debate was conducted, and no vote was taken on the bill, effectively killing [H.3213](#) for the 2005-2006 Session.

SC House Judiciary Committee, April 5, 2005 - H.3213

[Audio](#) (38:33) - Following debate, bill passed favorably unamended by vote of 15 - 5 (roll call)

SC Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, May 4, 2005 - S.111 / H.3213

[Audio](#) (40:50) - Public hearing, no debate or vote

SC Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, May 18, 2005 - S.111 / H.3213

[Audio](#) (36:09) - Public hearing, no debate or vote

Personhood Bill Passes in South Carolina House

www.covenantnews.com/newswire/archives/011416.html

April 14, 2005 [URL link no longer functions]

'South Carolina House Passes Personhood Bill' (with fatal flaw) - April 14, 2005

<http://christianlifeandliberty.net/H3213-311.doc>

TAKE ACTION TO PASS the Right to Life Act of South Carolina

<http://righttolifeactofsc.net/?m=200504>

2007-2008 Session

House H.3284 - www.scstatehouse.gov/sess117_2007-2008/bills/3284.htm

35 co-sponsors

Senate S.313 - www.scstatehouse.gov/sess117_2007-2008/bills/313.htm

10 co-sponsors

2009-2010 Session

House H.3526 - http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess118_2009-2010/bills/3526.htm

54 co-sponsors

Senate S.450 - http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess118_2009-2010/bills/450.htm

23 co-sponsors [Note: five co-sponsors bailed out, voting against Recall, on [April 13, 2010 Recall vote](#)]

2011-2012 Session

House H.3945 - http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/3945.htm

53 co-sponsors

Senate S.616 - http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/616.htm

20 co-sponsors

2013-2014 Session

House H.3584 - http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/bills/3584.htm

28 co-sponsors

Senate S.457 - http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/bills/457.htm

22 co-sponsors

2015-2016 Session - First (only) Personhood Constitutional Amendments introduced

Personhood Act

Senate S.129 - http://scstatehouse.gov/sess121_2015-2016/bills/129.htm

5 co-sponsors

Personhood Constitutional Amendment

Senate S.719 - http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess121_2015-2016/bills/719.htm

13 co-sponsors

Personhood Constitutional Amendment

House H.4093 - http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess121_2015-2016/bills/4093.htm

59 co-sponsors

2017-2018 Session

House H.3530 - https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122_2017-2018/bills/3530.htm

53 co-sponsors

Senate S.217 - https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122_2017-2018/bills/217.htm

20 co-sponsors

2019-2020 Session

House H.3920 - https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/3920.htm

33 co-sponsors

Senate bill unacceptably flawed (especially use of Creator-denying, Evolutionary term “species [homo sapiens](#)”)

2021-2022 Session

House H.3568 - https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess124_2021-2022/bills/3568.htm

24 co-sponsors

Senate S.381 - https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess124_2021-2022/bills/381.htm

2 co-sponsors

House H.5401 - https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess124_2021-2022/bills/5401.htm

2 co-sponsors

Senate S.1335 - https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess124_2021-2022/bills/1335.htm

1 sponsor

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