The House of Representatives

Members elected November 6, 2012, to serve until Monday after the General Election in November of 2014—77 Republicans, 46 Democrats, 1 vacancy—total 124.

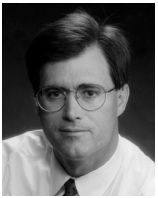
Pursuant to Sec. 2-1-10 of the 1976 Code, amended by Act 991 of 1974, Act 173 of 1981, and Act 312 of 1982, beginning with the 1974 General Election, members of the House of Representatives are elected from 124 single member districts. Each district contains a population of approximately one/one hundred and twenty-fourth of the total population of the State based on the 2010 Federal Census. First year of legislative service stated always means the session year. Before 1896 members were elected in November, and their first session year began in the same month. Since then (under the Constitution of 1895) the first session year has started in January following the November election.

OFFICERS

The Speaker (Chief Administrative Officer)

HARRELL, Robert William, Jr. [R]—(Dist. No. 114, *Charleston*-Dorchester Cos.)—Businessman; residing at 1625 Bull Creek Lane, Charleston; *b.* Mar. 7, 1956 in Orangeburg; *s.* Charlotte (Davis) Harrell and the late Robert W. Harrell, Sr.; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1978; July 21, 1979 *m.* Cathy Smith, 2 children, Trey and Charlotte; Chm., Freshman Caucus, 1993; House Majority Leader, 1997–99; Chm., Ways & Means Com., 1999–2005; prev. serv. in House 1993–12; elected Speaker June 2, 2005, assuming office June 21, 2005; re-elected Dec. 5, 2006; serving continuously since.

Speaker *Pro Tempore*



LUCAS, James Howle "Jay" [R]—(Dist. No. 65, Chesterfield-*Darlington*-Kershaw-Lancaster Cos.)—Atty.; residing at 113 Lyndale Dr., Hartsville; *b.* Aug. 11, 1957 in Columbia; *s.* Bobby and Shirley Lucas; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1975, M.P.A., 1981, J.D., 1987; Aug. 17, 1990 *m.* Tracy Ann Deglman, 1 child, Will; Fin. Dir., City of Bennettsville, 1982–84; Co. Admin., Fairfield Co., 1984–86; Co. Atty., Darlington Co., 1990–94; City Judge, City of Hartsville, 1995–96; Partner, Lucas, Warr & White, Attys. at Law, 1994–; 1999, Earle E. Morris, Jr., Public Policy Award; 1999 Professional of the Year, Mental Health Assn. for Darlington Co.; Legislator of the Year: Paul's Foundation, S.C. Recreation, Parks & Tourism, S.C. Solicitor's Assn., S.C. State Firefighter's Assn.; mem., Hartsville Lions Club; past Bd. mem., Hartsville Chamber of Commerce; past Chm., Hartsville Natl. League; Hartsville Lodge #173; past Co-Chm., S.C. House Rural Caucus; past Chm., Darlington Co. Rep. Party; past Chm., Darlington Co. Coordinating Council; mem., Emmanuel Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House 1999–12; elected Speaker *Pro Tempore* Nov. 17, 2010, serving continuously since.

Clerk of the House
Administration & Personnel

REID, Charles F.—(Richland Co.)—residing in Columbia; *s.* the late Rev. William C. Reid, Harriet Reid Strait, and Rev. George E. Strait; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.A., 1990; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1993; *m.* Taj Burnside, 3 children; Davis & Lavender, P.C., 1993; Asst. S.C. Atty. Gen., 1994–95; Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House, 1995–01; McNair Law Firm, P.A., 2001–03; Gen. Counsel to the S.C. House of Reps., 2004; Shandon United Methodist Church, Columbia; elected Clerk of the House Nov. 30, 2004, serving continuously since.

Assistant Clerk of the House

HOTTEL, Donald Benjamin, Jr.—(Richland Co.)—residing in Columbia; *g.* S.C. Honors Coll. at Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1982; *m.* the late Deborah Davis, 1 child; Research Dir./Budget Analyst to Gov. Carroll A. Campbell, 1989–94; Budget Dir. to Gov. David M. Beasley, 1995–98; Analyst, Ways & Means Com., 1999; Chief of Staff, Ways & Means Com., 1999–05; Chief of Staff, Speaker's Office, 2005–06; apptd. Asst. Clerk of the House Jan. 16, 2007, serving continuously since.

Reading Clerk

CROMER, James L. Mann, Jr. "Bubba"—(Richland Co.)—Atty., Cromer Law Offices; residing in Columbia; *b.* Apr. 19, 1963 in Columbia; *s.* J. Lewis and Carolyn M. Cromer; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.A., 1985; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1988; Pres., Dreher High School, 1980; Pres., Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1983; Speaker's Bureau, Clemson Univ., 1984; Chief Justice of Natl. Moot Court Bar, State of S.C., 1987–88; Hurricane Hugo Relief Coordinator, Dorchester Co., 1989; *Who's Who in Amer. Colls. & Univs.*, 1983; *Outstanding Young Men in America*, 1983; S.C. Pro Bono Serv. Award, 1991; admitted to practice law in S.C., Calif. & in the Dist. of Cola.; multiple recipient "Friend of the Taxpayer Award"; The Humane SPCA Legislator of the Year, 1992; Recipient of Order of the Palmetto, 1998; Parishioner, St. Joseph's R.C.C., Cola., S.C.; Sacred Heart R.C.C., Brevard, N.C.; mem., Dreher High School Foundation; novelist, "Blue", ©1997; filmmaker, screenwriter & dir., "The Long Way Home: A Bigfoot Story", © 2007 Best Narrative Feature, New York Intl. Independent Film & Video Festival, 2007; prev. serv. in House 1991–98; elected Reading Clerk Dec. 1, 1998, serving continuously since.

Sergeant at Arms

DORMAN, Mitchell G.—(Lancaster Co.)—residing in Kershaw; *s.* the late Harold B. and the late Cecelia G. Dorman; *g.* Criminal Justice Academy, 1983; Univ. of S.C.-Lancaster, A.S., 1986; *m.* Leah Blanton, 1 child; mem.: Abney Lodge 211; Natl. Legis. Servs. & Security Assn.; Kershaw Second Baptist Church; House Security, 1983–1985; Asst. Dir. of House Security, 1985–90; elected Sergeant at Arms Dec. 4, 1990, serving continuously since.

Chaplain

SEASTRUNK, Charles E., Jr.—(Richland Co.)—stated supply Pastor, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Pelion; residing at 4906 Landrum Dr., Columbia; *b.* Apr. 23, 1931 in Winchester, Va.; *s.* the late C. Ernest and Louise Eargle Seastrunk; attended Clemson Coll.; *g.* Newberry Coll., B.S., 1955; Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, M.Div., 1958; Pepperdine Univ., M.A., 1979; Nov. 25, 1955 *m.* Sarah Truesdell, 2 children, Charles III and Susan; mil. serv.: 1949–84, ARNG, USAR, USAF, retired USAF Chaplain, 1984; elected Chaplain Nov. 19, 2002, serving continuously since.