# THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members elected November 4, 2008, to serve until Monday after the General Election in November of 2010—72 Republicans, 52 Democrats—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 2000 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.* Robert W., Sr. and Charlotte (Davis) Harrell; *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 1993–09; elected Speaker June 2, 2005, assuming office June 21, 2005; re-elected Dec. 5, 2006; serving continuously since.

## Speaker *Pro Tempore*

**CATO, Harry Franklin** [R]—(Dist. No. 17, *Greenville* Co.)—Businessman, Mgr., Cato Transportation Supply, Inc.; residing in Travelers Rest; *b.* May 22, 1958 in Greenville; *s.* Lloyd R., Sr. and Christine B. Cato; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1980, Dean's List, 1978–80; June 17, 2005 *m.* Kris Thompson, 4 children, James Franklin Cato, Christopher Michael Cato, Erin Elizabeth Thompson, and Robin Michelle Thompson; mem.: Travelers Rest City Council, 1986–90; Mayor *Pro Tempore*, 1988–90; Bd. of Dirs., Bank of Travelers Rest; Eagle Scout; Travelers Rest United Methodist Church; YMCA of Greenville Outstanding Volunteer, 2006; Rules Com., 1993–94; Chm., Labor, Commerce & Industry Com., 1994–08; elected Speaker *Pro Tempore* Dec. 2, 2008; prev. serv. in House 1991–09.

## 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.* 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 Catholic Church; mem., Dreher High School Foundation; novelist, "Blue", © 1997; filmmaker, screenwriter & director, "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.* Harold B. and 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; 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.