THE SENATE

The Senate is composed of 46 Senators elected on November 3, 2020 for terms of four years (Const. Art. III, Sec. 6). Pursuant to Sec. 2-1-65 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 49 of 1995, each Senator is elected from one of forty-six numbered single-member senatorial districts. Candidates for the office of Senator must be legal residents of the district from which they seek election. Each senatorial district contains a population of approximately one/forty-sixth of the total population of the State based on the 2010 Federal Census.

First year legislative service stated means the year the Member attended his first session.

Abbreviations: [D] after name indicates Democrat, [R] after name indicates Republican; b. "born"; g. "graduated"; m. "married"; s. "son of"; d. "daughter of."

OFFICERS

President of the Senate

ALEXANDER, Thomas C. [R]—(Dist. No. 1, Oconee-Pickens Cos.)—Businessman; Owner, Alexander's Office Supply; residing at 150 Cleveland Dr., Walhalla; b. July 25, 1956 in Seneca; s. the late Virginia C. and Claude N. Alexander; g. Anderson Coll., A.A., 1976; Clemson Univ., B.S., 1978; m. Lynda Gibson; past Sun. School Supt., 1979–84; mem.: Bd. of Deacons, Walhalla

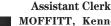


Presbyterian Church, 1980–82, 1984–86, Chm., 1985 and Session 1987–90, Clerk; Walhalla Lions Club, Pres., 1984–85; Lion of the Year, 1984–85; Walhalla Sertoma Club, Pres., 1982–83; Walhalla City Council, 1982–85, Mayor *Pro Tempore*; Bd. of Dirs., Walhalla Chamber of Commerce, 1980–83; Bd. of Dirs., Walhalla Downtown Assn., 1985–86, VP; Bd. of Dirs., Carolina Office Products Assn., 1986–90; Bd., Blue Ridge Bank; House of Reps. 1987–94; prev. serv. in Sen. Oct. 11, 1994–21; elected President of the Senate Dec. 6, 2021.



Clerk of the Senate

GOSSETT, Jeffrey S.—(Richland Co.)—residing in Columbia; s. Cherryl Ann Sanders and the late Harry Kenneth Gossett; g. Univ. of S.C., B.A., Political Science, 1992, M.P.A., 1994; June 18, 1993 m. Susannah Paige Jones, 3 children; elected Clerk Jan. 9, 2001, serving continuously since.





MOFFITT, Kenneth M.—(Richland Co.)—residing in Columbia; g. N.C. State Univ., B.A., 1993; Campbell Univ., J.D., 2001; Mar. 4, 2000 m. Shawna Barnett, 2 children, Hannah Grace and Marshall; apptd. Asst. Clerk Sept. 2, 2014, serving continuously since.

Reading Clerk



WIENGES, John Othniel—(Calhoun Co.)—residing at 102 Wienges Court, St. Matthews; b. Apr. 15, 1960; s. Othniel Henry and Carolyn (Phillips) Wienges; g. Univ. of S.C., B.A., Political Science, 1983; m. Kathryn Dawson Wienges, 5 children, John Othniel, Jr., William Trezevant, Frances Wren, Maggie Brownlee, and Al Thomas Hughes: former Mayor. Town of

St. Matthews; mem., St. Paul United Methodist Church; former Pres., Calhoun Co. Farm Bureau; Kappa Alpha Order; apptd. Asst. Clerk Mar. 1, 1988; elected Reading Clerk Jan. 11, 1994, serving continuously since.

Sergeant at Arms

WILLIAMS, Charles D., Jr. "Chuck"—(Richland Co.)—residing in Columbia; b. Sept. 15, 1968 in Columbia; s. the late Charles D., Sr. and the late Mildred Iren Folk Williams; Oct. 12, 1991 m. Ashley Stafford, 2 children, Charles Andrew "Drew" and Harrison Stafford "Ford"; mem., Eastminster Presbyterian Church; mil. serv.: SCANG (Ret.), 1996–17; Asst. Sergeant at



Arms Dec. 6, 2016–Jan. 8, 2019; elected Sergeant at Arms Jan. 8, 2019, serving continuously since.

Chaplain

ST. JOHN, James I.—(Richland Co.)—Retired Pastor; residing in Columbia; b. Mar. 19, 1939; s. the late Ivan S. and Kathryn (McCreary) St. John; g. Wofford Coll., B.A., 1961; Univ. of S.C., M.A., 1969; Cola. Theological Seminary, D.Min., 1978; July 20, 1963 m. Ann Beatrice Hendrix, 1 child, Melissa St. John Raith; Ordained, Presbyterian Church, USA, 1978; named



Pastor *Emeritus*, Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, Cola., 2005; S.C. Sen. Chaplain, 2007–2016; apptd. Acting Chaplain Jan. 12, 2021.