

STATE REGULATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE

**CANDIDATES FOR THE
SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
EDITED PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

NOTICE: The information requested herein is needed to assist the Committee in its investigation of candidates for the Public Service Commission. This questionnaire is the initial step in the investigation of your candidacy. A completed questionnaire should be returned to the Committee as soon as possible, but in any event no later than noon, 12:00 p.m., on Monday, March 26, 2018. (Use and attach separate sheets, if necessary.)

PLEASE SPECIFY THE SEAT FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING (THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU RESIDE): District 4

1. Full Name: Thomas J. Ervin

Home Address: formerly at 55 Club Forrest Lane, Greenville, S.C. 29605
Current: 201 River Place, Greenville, S.C. 29601

Business Address: P.O. Box 10693, Greenville, S.C. 29603

6. List each institution of higher learning you attended, including dates of attendance and degrees awarded. Please provide an official transcript prior to your screening hearing. If you left any institution without receiving a degree, state the reason for leaving.

Erskine College A.B. 1970 to 1974

University of South Carolina J.D. 1974 to 1977

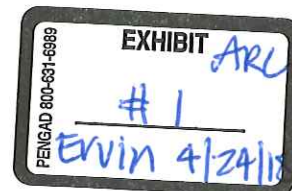
(Transcripts to be ordered and will be provided prior to screening hearing)

7. List any continuing education courses or other professional education or training programs that you have attended in the past five years.

[Amended] I have addended numerous legal education courses since being admitted to practice law in 1977. For example, in the 2011-2012 reporting year I completed 23.75 hours. For 2012-2013, I completed 27.83 hours, and for 2013-2014 I completed 6.58 hours. In 2014, the Supreme Court Commission on CLE exempted me from filing further compliance reports due to the fact that I became exempt under the 30-years of practice rule.

8. Have you been employed or held any position in any of the following areas?

- _____ (a) energy issues
- _____ (b) telecommunications issues
- _____ (c) consumer protection and advocacy issues
- _____ (d) water and wastewater issues



- (e) finance, economics, and statistics
- (f) accounting
- (g) engineering
- (h) law

Please provide the duration of your employment or service and details about the nature of the work or the position.

I served as resident circuit court judge for the Tenth Judicial Circuit beginning February 1, 1985 to my retirement on January 1, 1998. I presided over civil, criminal and non-jury matters including appeals from the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

9. Have you served in the military? NO. If so, give the dates of service, branch of service, highest rank, serial number, present status, and the character of your discharge or release.
10. Have you ever held public office? Yes. If so, provide details, including the office, whether elected or appointed, the length and dates of your service. Also, state whether or not you timely filed reports with the State Ethics Commission during the period you held public office. YES. If not, were you ever subject to a penalty. NO If so, provide details, including dates.

Served as a member of the S.C. House of Representatives representing House District 7 in Anderson County for two terms from 1980 to 1984.

11. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, provide details, including dates. Filed for a seat on the S.C. Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of S.C. but withdrew prior to election.
Ran for governor as a petition candidate in 1984 but withdrew candidacy prior to the general election.

[Amended] Court of Appeals in June, 1993; Supreme Court of S.C. in June, 1999; Petition Candidate for Governor in June, 2014.

12. Please list in chronological order any employment of you by any governmental agency (whether full time or part time, contractual or at will, consulting or otherwise). Provide dates of employment, name of employer, name of supervisor, and major job responsibilities.

Anderson School District 2-part-time school bus driver from August 15, 1967 to June 1, 1970

Town Attorney for the Town of Honea Path-part-time from 1978 to 1979

Anderson County Solicitor's Office-Assistant Solicitor-part-time from January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1980

South Carolina Industrial Commission-Commissioner full-time from July 1, 1984 to January 31, 1985 Heard contested workers' compensation cases pursuant to the S.C. Code of Laws and the Administrative Procedures Act.

Circuit Court Judge from February 1, 1985 to January 1, 1998-full-time; heard criminal, civil and non-jury cases including appeals from the S.C. Public Service Commission

[Amended] Town attorney for Honea Path full time from January 10, 1978 to April 23, 1979; part time from April 24, 1979 to December 31, 1979. Supervisor Mayor Ruby DeVore; Assistant Solicitor for Anderson County Supervisor Solicitor Henry Raines, Represented Solicitor's office in Family Court.

13. Please list in chronological order any occupation, business, or profession in which you have been engaged or employed (other than serving in a public office or being employed by a governmental agency). Please briefly note the nature of your work during each period.

Attorney-at-Law from 1977 to present (excluding periods of full-time employment listed in answer 12 above)

President of Foothills Community Foundation, led a non-profit in Anderson, S.C.

President/CEO of Foothills United Way, led a non-profit in Anderson, S.C.

14. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? Explain. NOT APPLICABLE

15. Describe any financial arrangements or business relationships that you currently have or have had in the past that could pose a conflict of interest in the position you seek. Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest. NOT APPLICABLE

22. Are you now or have you ever been employed as a "lobbyist," as defined by S.C. Code Section 2-17-10(13), or have you acted in the capacity of a "lobbyist's principal," as defined by S.C. Code Section 2-17-10(14)? NO If so, please provide the dates of your employment or activity in such capacity and specify by whom you were directed or employed. NOT APPLICABLE

23. Since your decision to seek a position on the Public Service Commission, have you accepted lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, meals, beverages, money, or any other thing of value, as defined by S.C. Code Section 2-17-10(1), from a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal? If so, please specify the item(s) received, date of receipt, and the lobbyist or lobbyist's principal providing the item(s). NO-NOT APPLICABLE

27. Please list the amount and recipient of all contributions made to members of the General Assembly within six months of filing this questionnaire.

Representative Gary Clary: \$100.00 campaign contribution to Clary for House

Representative Jason Elliott: \$100.00 campaign contribution to Elliott for House

28. Have you directly or indirectly requested a pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? NO Have you received the assurance of any public official or public employee that they will seek the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? NO

29. Have you or has anyone on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy for the position of Public Service Commissioner? NO If so, please specify the amount, solicitor (if applicable), donor, and date of solicitation and/or receipt. NOT APPLICABLE

30. List all professional organizations of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices that you have held in such groups.
BOARD MEMBER, BLUE RIDGE COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA 2016-18
SOUTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

31. List all civic, charitable, religious, educational, social, and fraternal organizations of which you are or have been a member during the past five (5) years.

Member: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GREENVILLE, S.C.
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

32. State any other information which may reflect positively or negatively on you, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for a position on the Public Service Commission.

My professional experience as a practicing attorney, Commissioner on the S.C. Industrial Commission and as a Circuit Court Judge have given me an understanding of administrative law and an appreciation of the Code of Professional Responsibility and Code of Judicial Conduct.

33. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five (5) persons, including your banker, from whom references could be required. Also, provide this Committee with original letters of recommendation from each person listed herein, including their signature. A photocopy, facsimile, or electronic submission of a letter of recommendation will not be accepted.

- 1) Don Kamb - Greenville, SC
- 2) Andrew N. Price - Greenville, SC
- 3) William S. Brown - Greenville, SC
- 4) Banker Letter
- 5) Elizabeth Smith - Greenville, SC

YOUR SIGNATURE WILL BE HELD TO CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANY PROCEEDING BEFORE A GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OR ANY RECORD INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR CREDIT.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature: _____
Thomas J. Ervin

Date: March 23, 2018

PLEASE NOTE: S.C. CODE SECTIONS REFERRED TO IN THIS DOCUMENT ARE ATTACHED