Executive Department

Personnel—"The Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Attorney General and the Solicitors, the Comptroller General, the State Superintendent of Education, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Director of the Department of Insurance" (1976 Code, Sec. 1-1-110).

Terms of Office—"All terms 4 years. Under Constitution, Governor eligible to be elected to two successive terms." Art. IV, Secs. 3, 4.

Vacancies—In case of vacancy in the office of Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Comptroller General, or Attorney General the vacancy shall be filled by election by General Assembly, unless they occur during legislative recess, when Governor shall fill by appointment until election at next session.—1976 Code, Sec. 1-1-120.

In case of vacancy in the office of Solicitor, State Superintendent of Education, the Commissioner of Agriculture, or the Director of Department of Insurance the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Governor.—1976 Code, Secs. 1-1-110 and 1-3-220.

GOVERNOR

Henry D. McMaster

(for biography and picture see p. 15)

Chief Magistrate of the State with "supreme executive authority" (S.C. Const. Art. IV, Sec. 1). Serves as the Commander-in-Chief of the organized and unorganized militia of the State (S.C. Const. Art. IV, Sec. 13). The Governor shall serve a term of 4 years, with installation on the first Wednesday following the second Tuesday in January after the election (S.C. Const. Art. IV, Sec. 4; S.C. Code Ann. Sec. 1-3-110). Governor serves as *ex officio* member of various state boards and commissions. If the office of the Governor is vacant for any reason, it shall be filled by the Lieutenant Governor for the remainder of the term (S.C. Const. Art. IV, Secs. 6, 11; S.C. Code Ann. Sec. 1-3-130).

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Pamela Evette (for biography and picture see p. 17)

The Lieutenant Governor is elected jointly with the Governor as a single vote on the ballot (S.C. Const. Art. IV, Secs. 8A, 8C). The Lieutenant Governor shall continue in office for the same time-period as the Governor—4 years (S.C. Const. Art. IV, Sec. 8A). Installation of the Lieutenant Governor shall occur on the first Wednesday following the second Tuesday in January after the election (S.C. Const. Art. IV, Sec. 8A; S.C. Code of Ann. Sec. 1-3-110). The Lieutenant Governor serves in a part-time position (S.C. Code Ann. Sec. 1-3-620). In the event the Lieutenant Governor is removed from office, or the office becomes vacant for any reason, the Governor shall appoint, with advice and consent of the Senate, a successor to serve as Lieutenant Governor until the next election (S.C. Const. Art. IV, Sec. 11; S.C. Code Ann. Sec. 1-3-125).

SECRETARY OF STATE

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The Secretary of State is responsible for the statewide registration of corporations, Uniform Commercial Code interests, business opportunities, employment agencies, trademarks, notaries, apostilles, and cable franchise authority. This office handles the incorporation of municipalities and special purpose districts, the annexation of land, and the escheatment of real property in South Carolina. The Secretary of State is the administrator and regulator of all charitable laws of this State. The Secretary of State is the custodian of Acts ratified each year by the General Assembly and handles the publication of positions within certain statewide boards and commissions. The Secretary of State is an ex officio member of the Legislative Council and the Commission on Consumer Affairs.

Secretary of State—MARK HAMMOND (2003–19)
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HAMMOND, J. Mark [R]—(Spartanburg Co.)—*b.* Nov. 29, 1963 in Lancaster; *s.* John G., Jr. and Bonnie Hammond; *g.* Newberry Coll., B.A., 1986; Clemson Univ., M.Ed., 1988; June 23, 1990 *m.* Ginny Hudson, 3 children; Spartanburg Co. Clerk of Court, 1997–03; 7th Circuit Solicitor's Office, Criminal Investigator, 1991–96; Special Basic Training, S.C. Criminal Justice Academy, 1991; Juvenile Probation Off., 1988–89; Del., Rep. Natl. Convention, 2004, 2008; Chm., Intl. Relations Com. of the Natl. Assn. of Secys. of State (NASS), 2006–07, 2010–11, 2014–15; Outstanding Alumni, Shrine Bowl Award for Public Serv., 2006; Henry Toll Fellow, Council of State Govt., 2007; Sesquicentennial Medal of Honor Award; Outstanding Alumni, Newberry Coll., 2007; Chm., Bus. Servs. Com. (NASS), 2008–09, Co-Chm., 2018–19; Trustee, Spartanburg Methodist Coll., 2009–15; NASS Medallion Award, 2017; mem., Westminster Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg; elected Secy. of State Nov. 5, 2002, serving continuously since.

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Division of Business Filings

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The Division of Business Filings is responsible for the registration of business entities including corporations and nonprofit organizations, and filing Uniform Commercial Code documents.

Dir. of Bus. Filings . . . . . .Jody Steigerwalt

Division of Notaries, Boards and Commissions

Tel. (803) 734-2512

The Division of Notaries, Boards and Commissions is responsible for the registration of notaries, authentications, filing executive orders and ratified acts, and monitoring State boards and commissions.

Dir. . . . . . .Terry M. Baggott

Division of Public Charities

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The Division of Public Charities is responsible for the regulation of charitable organizations pursuant to the South Carolina Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act.

Dir. . . . . . .Kimberly S. Wickersham

STATE TREASURER

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The State Treasurer is the "private banker" for South Carolina. He is responsible for the investment, cash management, and safekeeping of the State's general and restricted funds. The State Treasurer coordinates banking relationships for the State; issues state debt including the payment of and principal and interest on outstanding debt issues; communicates with bonding rating services; is administrator for abandoned property holdings; the South Carolina Tuition Repayment Program and the South Carolina 529 College Investment Program, Future Scholar.

The Treasurer is Vice Chairman of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority. The Authority is at the core of South Carolina's State Government, handling functions such as: State Procurement, State Insurance Programs, The Budget Office, and State Auditor's Office. The Authority members also approve the actuary of the Public Employee Benefit Authority.

The Treasurer appoints a member of the South Carolina Retirement System Investment Commission, which manages the System's thirty billion dollar investment pool.

The Treasurer is the Chairman of the State Board of Financial Institutions, which supervises State chartered banks, credit unions, and savings and loans through the Bank Examining Division; and supervises mortgage originators and lenders, finance companies, pay day lenders, and title lenders through its Consumer Finance Division.

The Treasurer is the Vice Chairman of the South Carolina Tobacco Authority, which administers the tobacco settlement funds, and also the custodian of the Authority's funds.

The Treasurer is the Vice Chairman of the South Carolina Education Authority and also the custodian of the Authority's funds.

State Treasurer—CURTIS M. LOFTIS, JR. (2011–19)

LOFTIS, Curtis M., Jr. [R]—(Lexington Co.)—Businessman; *b.* Sept. 8 in Columbia; *s.* Curtis M. and Mary Knox Loftis; *g.* Univ. of S.C., 1981; Dir., S.C. Office on Aging, 2007–08; Dir. of Transparency, S.C. Comptroller Gen. Office, 2008–09; awarded 2013 "Friend of the Taxpayer"; 2018 NAST Southern Regional VP; 2018 CSPN Exec. Bd. mem.; Immediate past Pres. of NAWPA; elected State Treas. Nov. 2, 2010, serving continuously since.

Chief of Staff . . . . . .Clarissa T. Adams
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Legis. Liaison & Exec. Asst. to Treas. . . . . .Edward Frazier

ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Duties—The Attorney General is the head of the legal department of the State of South Carolina; supervises all litigation in which the State or any of its departments, boards, commissions, or institutions are parties; advises all state officers, departments, agencies, and institutions on legal matters; required to attend the sessions of the General Assembly when requested and advise the members thereof. In addition to representing the State and its departments and agencies, he represents certain county officers in litigation against them and supervises Statewide Grand Jury. While the 16 Solicitors of the State generally conduct prosecutions in criminal matters,

the Attorney General has general supervisory responsibility in the prosecutorial area.

The Attorney General also serves as the State's Securities Commissioner, overseeing the registration of all persons engaged in the sale of securities in the State of South Carolina, investigating allegations of fraud or other violations of securities laws, and taking appropriate enforcement action.

Attorney General—ALAN MCCRORY WILSON (2011–19)
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WILSON, Alan McCrory [R]—(Lexington Co.)—Atty.; *b.* July 16, 1973 in Ft. Wolters, Tex.; *s.* Joe and Roxanne Wilson; *g.* Francis Marion Univ., B.S., 1996; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 2002; Sept. 30, 2006 *m.* Jennifer Miskewicz, 2 children, Michael and Anna Grace; Eagle Scout recipient, Boy Scouts of America, 1991; Charter mem., West Metro Rotary Club, West Columbia, 2002–; Bd. mem.: Midlands Mental Health Assn., 2001–02; World Affairs Council, 2002–07; Asst. Solicitor, 11th Judicial Circuit, 2003–06; Asst. Atty. Gen., 2007–09; Chm., Chinquapin Dist. of the Indian Waters Council, 2008; lifetime mem., Natl. Rifle Assn.; Chm., The Rep. Atty. Gen. Assn. (RAGA), 2013–; mem., First Presbyterian Church, 1978–; mil. serv.: SCNG, 1996–; Lt. Col.; Operation Iraqi Freedom II, 2005–06; elected Atty. Gen. Nov. 2, 2010, serving continuously since.

Chief Dep. Atty. Gen. . . . . . .Jeff Young
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COMPTROLLER GENERAL

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The Comptroller General is the State's chief fiscal and accounting officer and serves on the State Fiscal Accountability Authority. The Comptroller's Office serves as "watchdog of the public purse." The Office oversees and processes all state spending, and it administers and processes the payrolls of state agencies. The Office controls the receiving and

disbursing of state funds; reports annually on the financial operations and condition of state government; maintains the statewide fiscal transparency website that includes state agencies, school districts, and colleges and universities (see link at www.cg.sc.gov); and advises state agencies on fiscal and accounting matters. The Office maintains the State's centralized accounting system, and at the end of every fiscal year its staff of professional accountants produces the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR.)

Comptroller General—RICHARD ECKSTROM, CPA (2003–19)

ECKSTROM, Richard A. [R]—(Lexington Co.)—Certified Public Accountant; *b.* June 23, 1948 in Duluth, Minn.; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1971, M.B.A., 1977, Master of Accountancy, 1978; Adjunct Faculty, Queens Coll., Charlotte, 1979–80; Pres., Greenville Breakfast Rotary Club, 1986–87, 1993–94; Chm., Greenville Mental Health Center Bd., 1987–90; Chm., Greenville Voc. Rehab. Bus. Adv. Bd., 1989–90; mem., State Mental Health Comm., 1991–94; Chm., Univ. of S.C. Friends of Accounting Dept., 2001–02; mem., Gov.'s MAP Comm., 2003; Chm., State Mil. Base Task Force, 2003–13; Pres., Natl. Assn. of State Comptrollers, 2013–14; Treas., Natl. Assn. of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treas., 2017–18; Chm., S.C. Fourth Congressional Dist. Rep. Party, 1991–93; State Del., Rep. Natl. Convention, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008; Life mem.: Naval Reserve Assn.; Life mem.: Natl. Rifle Assn.; mem., Gun Owners of S.C.; mil. serv.: commissioned in USN, 1971; served 3 years active duty, 1971–73, performed oceanographic research; USNR, 1973–95, achieved rank of Navy Capt.; Comdr., S.C. State Guard, 2011–14, achieved rank of Major Gen. (SCSG); First Presbyterian Church, Cola.; State Treas., 1994–98; elected Comptroller Gen. Nov. 2002, serving continuously since.

Chief of Staff . . . . . .Eddie Gunn
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Senior. Asst. Comptroller Gen.,
Fin. Reporting . . . . . .David Starkey, CPA
Senior Asst. Comptroller Gen.,
Statewide Payroll/Accounts Payable . .Ronnie Head, CPA

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) provides leadership and support to ensure a system of public education through which all students graduate prepared for success in college, careers, and citizenship through the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.

The SCDE administers state and federal appropriations for pre-kindergarten-12 education in compliance with all laws and regulations. State appropriations include funding for agency administration, accountability, school effectiveness, instructional materials, transportation, standards and learning, assessment, educator services, charter schools, and school districts.

State Supt. of Education—MOLLY M. SPEARMAN (2015–19)
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SPEARMAN, Molly M. [R]—(Saluda Co.)—Educator; *b.* Jan. 23, 1954 in Saluda; *d.* the late Rudolph and the late Lenora (Werts) Mitchell; *g.* Lander Univ., B.A., 1976; George Washington Univ., M.A., 1981; post graduate work, Educ. Admin., Univ. of S.C.; July 17, 1976 *m.* William E. Spearman III, 2 children, Mitchell and Katie, 1 grandchild; Pres., Lander Univ. Student Govt. Assn., 1975–76; Teacher of the Year, Chapin Elementary, 1986; Natl. Educ. Chm., Amer. Legion Auxiliary, 1992; Pres., S.C. Amer. Legion Auxiliary, 1990–91; Chm. and Dir., Palmetto Girls State, 1989, 1992; Girls Nation Dir. & Natl. Girls State Chm., 1994; church organist, Hickory Grove Advent Christian Church; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Amer. Legion, 1996; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Dept. of Health & Environmental Control, 1998; S.C. House of Reps., 1993–98; Dep. Supt., Dept. of Educ., 1998–05; Exec. Dir., S.C. Assn. of School Admins., 2005–14; State Mem., Southern Regional Educ. Bd.; Mem., Bd. of Dirs., Council of Chief State School Offs.;

elected State Supt. of Educ. Nov. 4, 2014, serving continously since.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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The South Carolina Department of Agriculture was created in 1879 for the purpose of fostering agriculture in South Carolina and is responsible for the enforcement of more than 30 statutes relating to agriculture. These activities range from providing consumer protection in weights and measures to bonded storage for non-perishable agricultural products and marketing programs of an objective motive such as grading, inspection and market news programs on livestock, fruits, vegetables, grain, and poultry products. It also provides for the establishment and supervision of marketing authorities in communities throughout the State, the development and construction of grading, storage, and other facilities necessary for optimum performance of the agricultural marketing processes. Agriculture and agri-business is a growth industry in South Carolina.

Commissioner—HUGH E. WEATHERS (2005–19)
Bowman

WEATHERS, Hugh Ervin [R]—(Orangeburg Co.)—4th generation farmer, Weathers Farms, Inc., Partner, Circle W. Farms, Owner, Weathers Trucking, Inc.; *b.* June 27, 1956; *s.* Lawrence and Frances Weathers; *g.* Univ. of S.C., *magna cum laude*, B.S., 1978; *m.* Blanche Gramling Weathers, 3 children, Gill, Edward, and Julius, 2 granddaughters; past Pres.,

Amer. Dairy Assn. of S.C., 1987–04; Chm., S.C. Farm Bureau Legis. Comm., 2000–04; S.C. Farm Bureau PAC Comm., 2001–04; Bd. mem., United Dairy Industries Assn., 1994–98; S.C. Dairy Assn., 1996–01; S.C. Conservation Bank, 2001–04; AgSouth Farm Credit Assn., 1997–11; Greater Bowman Bus. Dev. Council, 2002–04; mem., S.C. DHEC Task Force on Livestock Regulations, 1996; NASDA mem.; Pres., Southern United States Trade Assn., 2007–09; Pres., Southern Assn. of State Depts. of Agric., 2011–12; S.C. Dairy Hall of Fame Inductee, 2011; mem., Orangeburg First Baptist Church; apptd. interim Comr. Sept. 14, 2004; apptd. Comr. Jan. 17, 2005, elected Comr. Nov. 7, 2006, serving continuously since.

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