

THE SENATE

The Senate is composed of 46 Senators elected on November 5, 2024 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; residing at 150 Cleveland Dr., Walhalla; *b.* July 25, 1956, in Seneca; *s.* the late Claude N. and the late Virginia C. Alexander; *g.* Anderson Coll., A.A., 1976; Clemson Univ., B.S., 1978; *m.* Lynda Gibson; mem.: Walhalla Presbyterian Church, Bd. of Deacons, 1980–82, 1984–86; Session Walhalla Presbyterian Church, 1987–90; Walhalla Lions Club, Pres., 1984–85; Walhalla Sertoma Club, Pres., 1982–83; Walhalla City Council, 1982–85, Mayor *Pro Tempore*; Bd. of Dirs., Walhalla Chamber of Commerce; 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; elected to the Sen. Oct. 11, 1994–; elected President of the Senate Dec. 6, 2021, serving continuously since.



Clerk of the Senate

GOSSETT, Jeffrey S.—(Richland Co.)—residing in Columbia; *s.* the late Harry Kenneth Gossett and Cherryl Ann Sanders; *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.

Assistant Clerk

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 Irene 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, serving continuously since.

