

## THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members elected November 5, 2024, to serve until Monday after the General Election in November of 2026—88 Republicans, 35 Democrats, 1 vacancy—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 2010 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)



**SMITH, George Murrell, Jr.** [R]—(Dist. No. 67, *Sumter Co.*)—Atty.; [REDACTED]

*b.* May 15, 1968, in Florence; s. G. Murrell and Jody Hill Smith; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.A., 1990; Univ. of S.C. School of Law, J.D., 1993; Oct. 16, 2004, *m.* Macaulay White, 2 children, Mary Brown “Bee” and George “Murrell” Smith III; Young Young & Reiter, 1993–98; part-time Sumter Co.

Asst. Public Defender, 1995–98; Partner, Lee, Erter, Wilson, Holler & Smith LLC, 1998–19; Partner, Smith Robinson, 2019–; owner, Reliable Med. Equipment; mem.: Jud. Com., 2001–09, 1st VC, 2002–04; Jt. Bond Review Com., 2016–22; Criminal Laws Subcom., Chm., 2005–09; Ways & Means Com., 2009–22, Chm., 2018–22; Chm., HHS Subcom., 2012–18; Judicial Merit Screening Com., 2016–22; Jt. Other Fund Oversight Com., VC, 2011–15; House Ethics Com., 2016–22, Chm., 2018–20; S.C. Ag. Head Salary Review Com., 2016–; State Fiscal Accountability Authority, 2018–22; S.C. Sentencing Reform Com., VC, 2010; Comm. of Indigent Defense, 2005–18;

Sumter Co. Public Defender Corp. Bd., 1998–06, Chm., 2005–06; mem., S.C. Mil. Base Task Force, 2009–; Wofford Alumni Exec. Com., 2003–05; S.C. Bar Assn.; Sumter Co. Bar Assn.; Sumter Gallery of Art Bd., 2003–05; Sumter Palmetto Rotary Club, 1994–; mem., First Presbyterian Church; prev. serv. in House 2001–24; elected Speaker Apr. 28, 2022, assumed office May 12, 2022, serving continuously since.

### Speaker *Pro Tempore*

**POPE, Thomas E. “Tommy” [R]**—(Dist. No. 47, York Co.)—Atty., Elrod Pope Law Firm; [REDACTED]



*b.* July 24, 1962, in Rock Hill; *s.* James E. and Elizabeth Thomas Pope; *g.* S.C. Criminal Justice Academy, 1983; Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1984, J.D., 1987; July 22, 1994, *m.* Kimberly Greenwood, 4 children, Logan, Jacob, Preston, and Kaylen, 4 grandchildren; Senior Counsel Elrod Pope Law Firm; Solicitor, 16th Circuit, 1993–06; Pres., S.C. Solicitors Assn., 2001–03; Chm., S.C. Common Prosecution Coordination, 2006; Silver Compleat Lawyer Award, 1999; S.C. Bar; House of Delegates, Bd. of Govs.; Chm., Judicial Qualification Comm.; Order of the Palmetto, 2008; Boys & Girls Club of York Co., Chief Volunteer Officer (CVO), 2009; Winthrop Univ. Bd. of Trustees, 2009–11; Bus. Advocate Award, S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 2011; Legislator of the Year, Amer. Legion of S.C., 2012; Lawyer Legislator Com. Chair, 2014–; Ambassador to City of Rock Hill’s comm. prog., “#1 Question: Is it Good for the Children?”; named 2014 Legislator of the Year by the Adult Educ. Dirs. Div. S.C. Assn. of School Admins.; named 2014 Legislator of the Year by the S.C. Recreation and Parks Assn.; S.C. Super Lawyers List, 2013–20; named 2015–16 Legislator of the Year by The Sheriffs’ Assn.; 2016 Graduate of Leadership S.C.; Bus. Champion Award, S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 2017; mem. of Westminster Presbyterian Church; attends Impact Church of Rock Hill; prev. serv. in House 2011–24; elected Speaker *Pro Tempore* Dec. 2, 2014, serving continuously since.

### Clerk of the House



**REID, Charles F.**—(Richland Co.)—

██████████ 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. Coun-

sel to the S.C. House of Reps., 2004; Clerk of the House, Nov. 30, 2004–Mar. 31, 2019; Pres. & CEO, SCBIPEC, Apr. 1, 2019–Oct. 31, 2019; apptd. Acting Clerk of the House Nov. 1, 2019–Jan. 13, 2020; elected Clerk of the House Jan. 14, 2020, serving continuously since.

### Assistant Clerk of the House



**HOTTEL, Donald Benjamin, Jr.**—(Richland Co.)—██████████

*g.* S.C. Honors Coll. at Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1982; *m.* the late 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;

██████████ *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., and 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 R.C.C., Cola., S.C.; Sacred Heart R.C.C., Brevard, N.C.; mem., Dreher High School Foundation; novelist, "Blue", ©1997; filmmaker, screenwriter & dir., "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.)—[REDACTED] s. the late Harold B. and the late Cecelia G. Dorman; *g.* Criminal Justice Academy, 1983; Univ. of S.C. Lancaster, A.S., 1986; 1 child, Nicholas; mem.: Abney Lodge 211; Natl. Legis. Servs. & Security Assn.; Kershaw Second Baptist Church; House Security, 1983–85; Asst. Dir. of House Security, 1985–90; elected Sergeant at Arms Dec. 4, 1990, serving continuously since.



### Chaplain

**SEASTRUNK, Charles E., Jr.**—(Richland Co.)—[REDACTED] *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; Bowman Gray School of Medicine, CPE, 1969; Air War Coll. Seminar, 1977; Pepperdine Univ., M.A., 1979; Nov. 25, 1955, *m.* Sarah Truesdell, 2 children, Charles III and Susan, 3 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren; mil. serv.: 14th Special Operations Group, Nha Trang Republic of Vietnam, May 1967–May 1968; retired USAF Chaplain, 1984; elected Chaplain Nov. 19, 2002, serving continuously since.

