MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

Senators elected to serve until Monday after the General Election in Nov. of 2028, 34 Republicans, 12 Democrats. Total—46.



ADAMS, Brian Richard [R]—(Dist. No. 44, *Berkeley*-Charleston Cos.)—Retired Police Off./Co-owner, Tri-Co. Appraisals; *b.* Dec. 27, 1969, in Mt. Clemens, Mich.; *s.* David S. and Dorothy A. Adams; *g.* Stratford High School, 1989; Nov. 19, 1994, *m.* Michelle Lynn Adams, 4 children, Ryan Scott, Tyler Hunter, Lauren Nicole, and Dylan Nicholas; Sgt. over Detectives at N. Charleston Police Dept. (NCPD), 2008; Comdr. Lt. over the S.T.A.N.D. program, 2015 (featured on Dateline); Lt. over Specialized Units, 2016; sat on Bd. of Law Enforcement Coordinating Com., 2016; Lt. over School Resource Offs., 2018; Appreciation for dedication and loyalty to the narcotics unit within the Special Operations Bureau of the NCPD, 2003–05; N. Charleston Police Appreciation for leadership as Sgt. of the Narcotics Unit; Appreciation for hard work and dedication to the Special Operations Bureau, 2006–08, NCPD, 2008–14; Southeastern Coll. Award–Commencement speaker and hon. mem., 2020 class; Champion of Bus. Award, 2021; Tri-Co. Lodge 3 Legislator of the Year Award, 2021–22; Moms for Liberty, Legislator of the Year Award, 2023; Palmetto Family Alliance–Family Champion, 2023–24; Leadership South Carolina, 2024; Serve, Connect Award, Feb. 7, 2025; guest speaker, S.C. Law Enforcement Off.'s Memorial, 2025; Fraternal Order of Police–Legislator of the Year, 2025; Champion of Term Limits Award; U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Commander Award; prev. serv. in Sen. 2021–25.

ALEXANDER, Thomas C., Businessman and Pres. of the Senate (for biography and picture, see p. 19).



ALLEN, Karl B. [D]—(Dist. No. 7, *Greenville* Co.)—Atty.; *b.* Oct. 13 in Greenville; *s.* Jesse E., Sr. and Maudie S. Allen; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1982, J.D., 1986; single, 1 child, Brittanie Elizabeth; admitted to U.S. Supreme Court & U.S. Dist. Court, 1992; mem., Amer. Bar Assn.; S.C. Bar Assn.; Greenville Literacy Assn.; past Pres., NABCJ; House of Reps. 2001–12; prev. serv. in Sen. 2013–25.



BENNETT, Sean M. [R]—(Dist. No. 38, Charleston-*Dorchester* Cos.)—Financial Planner; *b.* May 13, 1968, in Charleston; *s.* Harold McLeod Bennett and Judith Moniz; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1990; Dec. 26, 1992, *m.* Tina Gabriel, 2 children, Haile Gabriel and Hayden Grace; past Pres., Summerville Catholic School Bd.; past mem., Bd. of Dirs., Camp Happy Days & Special Times; past Chm., Greater Summerville/Dorchester Co. Chamber of Commerce, 2002–10; Bd. of Dirs., The Educ. Foundation, 2006–09; Bd., Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester Council of Govts.; past Chm. & mem., Bd. of Dirs., Charleston Regional Dev. Alliance, 2006–; past Pres., Rotary Club of Summerville, 2010; Opportunity Next Steering Com., CRDA, 2010–11; Econ. Leadership Council, CRDA, 2011; Riley Fellow, 2014; Liberty Fellow, 2016; Rodel Fellow, 2016; Amer. Enterprise Inst. Leadership, 2016; Hunt Fellow, 2024; mil. serv.: South Carolina Army National Guard; prev. serv. in Sen. 2013–25.

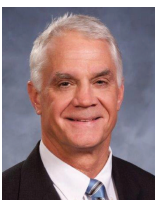


BLACKMON, Allen N. [R]—(Dist. No. 27, Chesterfield-*Kershaw*-Lancaster Cos.)—Retired; *b.* Aug. 6, 1955, at Langley Air Force Base; *s.* Donald L. and Nina A. Blackmon; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1978; *m.* Jane Bridges, 2 children, Kevin and Leigh; mem.: Lancaster Co. Jt. Recreation Comm., 1986–88; Bd. Pres., Lancaster Children's Home, 1989; Lancaster Co. Jt. Planning Comm., 1989–02, Chm., 1999–02; Andrew Jackson

Middle School, School Improvement Council, 1995–99; Bd. of Dirs., Arrowpointe Fed. Credit Union, 2005–21, VC, 2019–21; Mem. of the Year, York Co. Emergency Response Team, 2006; Chm., Lancaster Co. GOP, 2016; Licensed Gen. Contractor, 2016–; Substitute Teacher, Lancaster Co. School Dist., 2017–18; Lancaster Co. Councilman, 2019–24; Bd. of Dirs., Founders Fed. Credit Union, 2022–; past Fin. Chm. and past Admin. Council, Salem United Methodist Church; prev. serv. in Sen. 2025.



BRIGHT, Lee [R]—(Dist. No. 12, Greenville-*Spartanburg* Cos.)—Insurance; *b.* Mar. 21, 1970, in Greer; *s.* Marvin L. Bright, Jr. and Virginia Bright; *g.* Dorman High School, 1988; *m.* Amy, 2 daughters, 3 grandchildren; Dist. Six School Bd., 1999–03; S.C. Sen. 2009–16; elected in Special Election Dec. 23, 2025, to fulfill unexpired term of Roger A. Nutt, resigned.



CAMPSEN, George E. III "Chip" [R]—(Dist. No. 43, Beaufort-*Charleston*-Colleton Cos.)—Businessman & Atty.; *b.* Mar. 30, 1959, in Charleston; *s.* the late George E., Jr. and the late Myrtle S. "Snap" Campsen; *g.* Wando High School, 1977; Furman Univ., B.S. Biology, 1981, Phi Beta Kappa; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1988, M.S. Bus. Admin., 1989; Centurian/Colson Fellow, 2004; 1987 *m.* Lalla Lee Laffitte, 2 children, George and Boyce; S.C. Bar Assn.; S.C. Real Estate Broker's License; 100-Ton U.S. Coast Guard Capt.'s License; Retired Pres., Fort Sumter Tours Inc. & Spirit-Line Cruises LLC, 2009–23; Retired Off., Gray Line Tours of Charleston, 2023; Campsen Law Firm, 1989–; Commercial Real Estate Broker, Batten, Hudson, and Tarrant, 1983–85; Deckhand, Fort Sumter Tours Inc., 1974–77; Passenger Vessel Capt., Fort Sumter Tours Inc., 1978–82; S.C. Coll. Investment Prog. Adv. Com., 2001–02; Chm. and Spokesman, Gov. Mark Sanford's Transition Team, 2002–03; Senior Policy Advisor to Gov. Mark Sanford, 2002–03; Chm., Charleston Co. Sen. Delegation, 2006–12; Sentencing Reform Com., 2009–10; VC, Beaufort Co. Legis. Delegation, 2020–24; Chm., Charleston

Co. Legis. Delegation, 2012–; Judicial Merit Selection Com., 2012–16, 2025–, Chm., 2016, VC, 2015 & 2017; Sentencing Reform Oversight Com., 2012–; Chm., Fish, Game & Forestry Com., 2013–; Chm., Sen. Sportsman's Caucus, 2013–; Chm., Sen. Religious Freedom Caucus, 2013–; Legis. Audit Council Nominating Com.; founding mem., Amer. Flood Coalition, 2017–; mem., S.C. Floodwater Comm., 2018–20; Bd. of Dirs., Natl. Park Hospitality Assn., 2010–23; VC, S.C. Wildlife Partnership, 2017–; Deacon, Church Council, and Teacher, East Cooper Baptist Church; House of Reps. 1997–02; prev. serv. in Sen. 2005–25.



CASH, Richard J. [R]—(Dist. No. 3, *Anderson* Co.)—Businessman; *b.* Mar. 31, 1960, in Jacksonville, Fla.; *s.* the late Thomas B. and the late Audrey S. Cash; *g.* Furman Univ., B.A., Bus. Admin., 1982, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa; Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, MATS, 1990; Apr. 13, 1985, *m.* Marcia Williams, 8 children; prev. serv. in Sen. May 30, 2017–25.



CHAPLIN, James D. "JD" [R]—(Dist. No. 29, Chesterfield-*Darlington*-Lee-Marlboro-Sumter Cos.)—Farmer; *b.* Apr. 7, 1994; *s.* Tommy and Vicki Chaplin; attended Florence-Darlington Tech. Coll.; *g.* Charleston Southern Univ., B.S., 2018; Dec. 5, 2020, *m.* Shelby; 4th Generation row crop farmer; Pres., Darlington Co. FFA & winner of the S.C. FFA Star Regional Farmer Award, 2012; Asst. Scout Master for Troop 523, Hartsville, S.C.; staffed Pee Dee Area Council summer camp at Camp Coker, 2014; received: Eagle Scout Award, 2012; the Vigil Honor for the Order of the Arrow, 2014; Natl. Eagle Scout Assn. Outstanding Eagle Scout Award by the Pee Dee Area Council; Chm., Darlington Co. Rep. Party, 2017–25; Bd. for the Pee Dee Area Council (later merged with Indian Waters Council, Boy Scouts of America), 2018; recipient, Natl. FFA Degree; mem., Black Creek Baptist Church in Dovesville; prev. serv. in Sen. 2025.



CLIMER, David Wesley "Wes" [R]—(Dist. No. 15, *York* Co.)—Fin. Advisor; *b.* Sept. 26, 1982, in Charlotte, N.C.; *s.* Mike and Kim Climer; *g.* Furman Univ., B.A., 2006; May 10, 2008, *m.* Martie Behrens, 5 children, Jack, Monroe, Betsy, Henry, and Michael; Eagle Scout, 1998; York Dist. Boy Scouts Dist. Com., 2011–14; York Dist. Boy Scouts Fin. Chm., 2012–13; Palmetto Council Boy Scouts Fin. Com. Chm., 2015–; Palmetto School at the Children's Attention Home Bd. of Dirs., 2015–16; Chm., York Co. Rep. Party, 2013–15; Pack 925 Cub Scout Com., 2018–; Family Promise of York Co. Bd. of Dirs., 2019–; mem., Westminster Presbyterian Church; prev. serv. in Sen. 2017–25.



CORBIN, Thomas D. "Tom" [R]—(Dist. No. 5, *Greenville*-Spartanburg Cos.)—Businessman; *b.* Jan. 11, 1965, in Greenville; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1987; Dec. 12, 1992, *m.* Leann Robertson; mem., Greenville CAN Adv. Bd.; House of Reps. 2011–12; prev. serv. in Sen. 2013–25.



CROMER, Ronnie W. [R]—(Dist. No. 18, Lexington-*Newberry*-Richland Cos.)—Pharmacist; *b.* Dec. 1, 1947, in Newberry; *s.* the late William R. and the late Mable S. Cromer; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1973; Aug. 30, 1969, *m.* Linda Epting, 2 children, Candace and Heather; mem.: Newberry Co. Dev. Bd., 1993–00; S.C. Bd. of Pharmacy, 1994–00; mil. serv.: Lt. Col. (Ret.), SCARNG, 30 years; prev. serv. in Sen. Apr. 15, 2003–25.



DAVIS, Tom [R]—(Dist. No. 46, *Beaufort-*Jasper Cos.)—Atty.; *b.* May 31, 1960; *s.* G. Thomas and Yvonne C. Davis; *g.* Furman Univ., B.A., 1982, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, Ulmer Medal for Outstanding Political Science Scholarship; Univ. of Maryland School of Law, J.D., 1985, Order of the Coif, Sobeloff Prize for Outstanding Constitutional Law Scholarship, graduated with highest honors; 3 daughters, Elizabeth, Grace, and Claire; admitted to S.C. Bar, 1985; practiced law at Harvey & Battey, P.A., 1985–; former mem., Bd. of Dirs. for S.C. States Ports Authority; co-managed Mark Sanford's 2002 and 2006 gubernatorial campaigns; served in Gov. Mark Sanford's admin. as chief of staff; prev. serv. in Sen. 2009–25.



DEVINE, Tameika Isaac [D]—(Dist. No. 19, *Richland* Co.)—Atty. & Partner, Jabber & Isaac, P.A.; *b.* Dec. 5 in Charlotte, N.C.; *d.* Henry, Jr. and Veronica M. Isaac; *g.* Hampton Univ., B.S., 1994; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1997; Dec. 13, 2003, *m.* Jamie L. Devine, 3 children, Tamia, Jade, and Jameson; 2018 Woman of Influence by the Cola. Regional Bus. Report; At-Large City Councilwoman, City of Cola., 2002–21; Liberty Fellow; S.C. Diversity Leader; mem., Jack & Jill of America; life mem., Delta Sigma Theta Sor. Inc.; graduate, Power, Innovation, and Leadership Exec. Leadership prog. and the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard Kennedy School; 50 Most Influential People in the Midlands by Cola. Bus. Monthly; mem., Brookland Baptist Church; prev. serv. in Sen. Jan. 2, 2024–25.



ELLIOTT, Jason Thomas [R]—(Dist. No. 6, *Greenville* Co.)—Atty., Jason Elliott, Atty. at Law, LLC; *b.* July 1, 1970, in Greenville; *s.* Darry Elliott and Donna E. Davenport; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.A., 1993; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1996; single, 1 child, Barnes Elliott; Asst. Solicitor, 10th Judicial Circuit, 1996–99; Dist. Dir. for U.S. Rep. Jim DeMint, 1999–03; Rotary Club of

Greenville, 1999–, Pres., 2008; Greenville Tech. Charter High School Bd. mem., 2002–06, Chm., 2005–06; Greenville Co. Legis. Transportation Com., 2011–17; House of Reps. 2017–24; prev. serv. in Sen. 2025.



FERNANDEZ, Tom [R]—(Dist. No. 39, Berkeley-*Dorchester*-Orangeburg Cos.)—Atty.; *b.* Feb. 28, 1978, in Livonia, Mich.; *s.* Michael and Mary Fernandez; *g.* Coastal Carolina Univ., B.A.; Charleston School of Law, J.D.; The Citadel, M.B.A.; Jan. 31, 2009, *m.* Darlene Ann, 6 children, Jacque, Kristin, and Shannon Saylor, Taylor, Rebecca, and Bethany Fernandez; Bd. mem., Central Berkeley Fire & EMS, 2023–; mil. serv., S.C. State Guard, JAG Detachment, 2018–24; prev. serv. in Sen. 2025.



GAMBRELL, Michael W. "Mike" [R]—(Dist. No. 4, Abbeville-*Anderson* Cos.)—Self-employed, M&R Enterprises; *b.* Jan. 10, 1958, in Belton; *s.* Aaron and Robbie Gambrell; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1980; Mar. 31, 1990, *m.* Reene V.; Palmetto Boys State, 1975; Friendship Fire Dept., Chief, 1990–06; Anderson Co. Fire Chiefs Assn., Chm., 1990–02; mem.: Anderson Co. EMS Comm., 2002–06; Rural Infrastructure Authority Com.; received the Presidential Medallion at Piedmont Tech. Coll., 2019; S.C. Port Oversight Com.; House of Reps. 2007–16; prev. serv. in Sen. 2017–25.



GARRETT, Billy J. [R]—(Dist. No. 10, Greenwood-*Lexington*-Saluda Cos.)—Atty., The Garrett Law Firm, P.C./Circuit Court & Family Court Mediator; *b.* in Williamston; *s.* Billy J. Garrett, Sr. and Sigrid S. Garrett; *g.* Lander Univ., B.A., 1978; Univ. of S.C. Law School, J.D., 1983; Dec. 30, 1976, *m.* Denise W. Garrett, 2 children, Tara Garrett Mitchell and Billy J. Garrett III, 2 grandchildren; received the 2022 Public Serv. Award, S.C. Baptist Convention; awarded the Amer. Jurisprudence

Award in Criminal Law, 1983; awarded the Amer. Jurisprudence Award in Family/Domestic Law, 1983; licensed in all state courts: S.C. Circuit Court, S.C. Court of Appeals, S.C. Supreme Court; licensed in fed. courts: U.S. Dist. Court, U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court, 2020; founding mem., S.C. Criminal Defense Attys.; S.C. Supreme Court Recognition and Appreciation, 1998; S.C. Bd. of Magistrate and Municipal Judges, 2007; The Natl. Trial Lawyers Top 100 Trial Lawyers, 2014–21; America's Most Honored 5% of Professionals, 2016–21; Lawyers of Distinction, 2019–21; The Natl. Trial Lawyers Top 100 Criminal Defense Lawyers, 2021; America's Top 100 Criminal Defense Attys., 2021; prev. serv. in Sen. 2021–25.



GOLDFINCH, Stephen L., Jr. [R]—(Dist. No. 34, *Georgetown*-Horry Cos.)—Atty.; *b.* Nov. 19, 1982, in Conway; *s.* Steve Goldfinch and Patricia Briggs; The Citadel, B.S., 2004, M.B.A., 2006; Charleston School of Law, J.D., 2010; May 27, 2006, *m.* Renee Bodie, 2 children, Hadlee and Stephen III "Tripp"; past Bd. of Dirs., Junior Achievement; Chm., Grand Strand Area Transportation Study Com.; Chm., Georgetown Co. Legis. Delegation; Adjunct Professor, Charleston School of Law; USANG Jag Off.; House of Reps. 2013–16; prev. serv. in Sen. 2017–25.



GRAHAM, Jeffrey R. [D]—(Dist. No. 35, *Kershaw*-Lee-Richland-Sumter Cos.)—Real Estate; *b.* May 14, 1982, in Camden; *s.* Art and Isla Graham; *g.* Presbyterian Coll., B.S., 2004; June 18, 2005, *m.* Sara, 2 children, Edwards and Bailey; Mayor, Camden, 2008–12; Camden City Council, 2014–24; mem., Kershaw Co. Chamber of Commerce; Pres., Assn. of S.C. Mayors; mem., former Chm. & former Treas., Dem. Party; prev. serv. in Sen. 2025.