

**2017–2018
South Carolina
House of Representatives**



FRESHMAN MEMBERS

Freshman House Members



2017-2018

2017–2018 NEW REPRESENTATIVES (18)

4 Democrats, 14 Republicans

Katherine E. “Katie” Arrington [R] Dist. No. 94, Charleston & Dorchester 100 Turnerfield Way Summerville, S.C. 29485	Replaced Jenny Horne [R]
Frank “Lucas” Atkinson [D] Dist. No. 57, Dillon, Horry & Marion 912 N. Main Street Marion, S.C. 29571	Replaced J. Wayne George [D]
Linda C. “Lin” Bennett [R] Dist. No. 114, Charleston & Dorchester 231 N. Ainsdale Drive Charleston, S.C. 29414	Replaced Mary Tinkler [D]
Bart T. Blackwell [R] Dist. No. 81, Aiken 6 Roundhill Court Aiken, S.C. 29803	Replaced Don Wells [R]
Micah Caskey [R] Dist. No. 89, Lexington 2811 Dalewood Drive West Columbia, S.C. 29170	Replaced Kenny Bingham [R]
William Scott Cogswell, Jr. [R] Dist. No. 110, Charleston 26 Gibbes Street Charleston, S.C. 29401	Replaced Chip Limehouse [R]
Jason Thomas Elliot [R] Dist. No. 22, Greenville 116 E. Montclair Avenue Greenville, S.C. 29609	Replaced Wendy Nanney [R]
Cally Ralph “Cal” Forrest, Jr. [R] Dist. No. 39, Lexington 137 N. Railroad Avenue Monetta, S.C. 29105	Replaced Ralph Kennedy [R]
William Lee Hewitt III [R] Dist. No. 108, Charleston & Georgetown Post Office Box 928 Murrels Inlet, S.C. 29576	Replaced Stephen Goldfinch [R]
Steven Wayne Long [R] Dist. No. 37, Spartanburg 206 Heritage Creek Drive Boiling Springs, S.C. 29316	Replaced Donna Hicks [R]

Roy Josiah “Josiah” Magnuson [R] Dist. No. 38, Spartanburg Post Office Box 206 Campobello, S.C. 29322	Replaced Doug Brannon [R]
Richard Ansel “Rick” Martin, Jr. [R] Dist. No. 40, Newberry 9307 S.C. Highway 34 Newberry, S.C. 29108	Replaced Walt McLeod [D]
John R. McCravy III [R] Dist. No. 13, Greenwood 913 Johns Creek Road Hodges, S.C. 29653	Replaced Shannon Riley [R]
Brandon Michael Newton [R] Dist. No. 45, Lancaster & York 2003 Hickory Drive Lancaster, S.C. 29720	Replaced Deborah Long [R]
Michael F. Rivers, Sr. [D] Dist. No. 121, Beaufort & Colleton 734 Seaside Road St. Helena Island, S.C. 29920	Replaced Kenneth F. Hodges [D]
Ivory Torrey Thigpen [D] Dist. No. 79, Richland 568 Heron Glen Drive Columbia, S.C. 29627	Replaced Mia McLeod [D]
John Taliaferro “Jay” West IV, Ph.D. [R] Dist. No. 7, Abbeville & Anderson 402 Brown Avenue Belton, S.C. 29627	Replaced Mike Gambrell [R]
William W. “Will” Wheeler III [D] Dist. No. 50, Kershaw, Lee & Sumter 1930 Camden Highway Bishopville, S.C. 29010	Replaced Grady Brown [D]

ARRINGTON, Katherine E. “Katie” [R]—(Dist. No. 94, Charleston-Dorchester Co.)—VP, Operations Dispersive Technologies; residing at 100 Turnerfield Way, Summerville; *b.* Dec. 6, 1970 in VA; *d.* Francis and Lucille Stolark; attended Canisius Coll., 2001; Aug. 28, 2010 *m.* Robert Arrington; 2 children, Christian Homrich and Haleigh Homrich; Mil-Oss (Military Open Source) Steering Com., 2010-14; Women in Defense, Exec. Bd., 2010-; Charleston Defense Contractors Assoc., Bd. of Dirs., 2011-; S.C. Cyber, Bd. of Dirs., 2015-.



ATKINSON, Frank “Lucas” [D]—(Dist. No. 57, Marion-Dillon-Horry Cos.)—Consultant; residing at 912 N. Main St., Marion; *b.* Jul. 6, 1981 in Florence; *s.* T. Carroll and Susanne C. Atkinson; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 2004; single; mem., Chamber of Commerce, 2004-, Bd. mem., 2009-13; IPTAY Rep., Marion Co., 2008-; Marion Co. Progress Bd., 2010-; Impact Marion Co. Bd., 2015-.



BENNETT, Linda C. “Lin” [R]—(Dist. No. 114, Charleston-Dorchester Cos.)—Retired; residing at 231 N. Ainsdale Dr., Charleston; *b.* Feb. 9, 1954 in Wassertrudingen, Germany; *d.* Hank and Frieda; attended Univ. of MD And Essex Community Coll.; Mar. 10, 1984 *m.* Edward J. Bennett, 3 children, Dan, Mike, and Jim; DOD Contractors, Washington, DC, 1982-98; Mgr., Student Support, FLETC, 1998-14; State Small Bus. Comm., 2008-10; Charleston Neighborhood Comm., 2010-12; Patriots Pt. Dev. Authority, Bd. mem., 2010-16, Chm., Fin. Com. 2013-16.



BLACKWELL, Bart T. [R]—(Dist. No. 81, *Aiken Co.*)—Pres./Owner B & S Machine Tool, Inc.; residing at 6 Roundhill Court, Aiken; *b.* Sept. 14, 1960 in Buffalo, NY; *s.* Leslie L. and Mildred J. Blackwell; *g.* Coll. of Charleston, 1982, B.S.; Univ. of Southern California, 1987, M.S.; July 21, 1984 *m.* Paula Epting, 2 children, Matthew and Daniel; Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce Bd. mem., 2009–, Chm., 2015; graduate, Leadership Aiken Co.; mem. St. Paul Lutheran Church; USAF active duty 1983–89, Capt., KC135 navigator.



CASKEY, Micah [R]—(Dist. No. 89, *Lexington Co.*)—Businessman/Atty.; residing at 2811 Dalewood Dr., W. Columbia; *b.* June 2, 1981 in Columbia; *s.* Micajah “Skey” III and Rebecca Ann Caskey; *g.* Univ. of FL, B.A., 2003; Univ. of S.C., J.D. 2011; Univ. of S.C., I.M.B.A., 2012; single; Asst. Solicitor, 11th Circuit, 2014–16; Capt., USMC, 2003–13.



COGSWELL, William Scott Jr. [R]—(Dist. No. 110, *Charleston Co.*)—Real Estate; residing at 26 Gibbes St., Charleston; *b.* Jan. 14, 1975 in Charleston; *s.* the late W.S. Cogswell, and Edmund and Sarah Aichele Cogswell Rhett; *g.* Univ. of the South-Sewanee, B.A., 1997; Columbia Univ., MSRED, 2003; Sept. 21, 2002 *m.* Lucile Lampton, 2 children, W. Mason and Meade Hamlin; Historic Charleston Foundation Bd., 2009–, Advocacy Chm., 2016–; Peninsula Adv. Comm., 2010–, Chm., 2016–; mem., Grace Episcopal Church.



ELLIOTT, Jason Thomas [R]—(Dist. No. 22, *Greenville* Co.)—Atty., Jason Elliott, Atty. at Law, LLC; residing at 116 E. Montclair Ave., Greenville; *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, Tenth Jud. 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. Transp. Com., 2011-16.



FORREST, Cally Ralph “Cal” Jr. [R]—(Dist. No. 39, *Saluda-Lexington* Cos.)—Bus. Owner; residing at 137 Railroad Ave., Monetta; *b.* May 22, 1977 in Augusta, GA; *s.* the late Cally R. Forrest and Vickie Corder; *g.* Batesburg-Leesville HS; single; mem., Ducks Unlimited; NRA; FFL Dealer.



HEWITT, William Lee III [R]—(Dist. No. 108, *Georgetown-Charleston* Cos.)—Realtor; residing in Murrels Inlet; *b.* Aug. 29, 1960 in Marion; *s.* William and Adele Hewitt; *g.* Univ. of S.C.-Coastal, 1982, B.S.; Aug. 10, 1991 *m.* Whitney Mathews, 2 children, William IV and Coleman; S.C. DHEC Bd. of Dirs., 2014-; Georgetown Co. Planning Comm., 1998-06, Chm., 2004-06; Georgetown Co. Zoning Bd. of Appeals, 2006-12, Chm., 2006-12.



LONG, Steven Wayne [R]—(Dist. No. 37, *Spartanburg* Co.)—Businessman; residing in Boiling Springs; *b.* Apr. 14, 1994 in Greenville; *s.* Rick and Linda Long; *g.* Spartanburg Comm. Coll., A.A., 2014; Univ. of S.C.-Upstate, B.A., 2015; Single; Eagle Scout, mem., Gideons Intl.; Exec. Comm., Spartanburg Co. Repub. Party; past Lodge Chief Skyuka Lodge #270; mem., Boiling Springs First Baptist Church.



MAGNUSON, Roy Josiah “Josiah” [R]—(Dist. No. 38, *Spartanburg* Co.)—Educator/Businessman; residing in Campobelo; *b.* Aug. 17, 1991 in Greenville; *s.* Roy G. and Valerie J. Magnuson; Oak Brook Coll. of Law, 2010-13 (degree to be completed); single; Founder, Soldiers of Biblical Reformation, 2007-; Asst. Scoutmaster, BSA Troop 73, 2009; Dir., Americans for Constitutional Govt., 2012-; St. Bd. Repub. Liberty Caucus of S.C., 2013; Treas. & Lecturer, Constitution Study Group of Spartanburg, 2015-.



MARTIN, Richard Ansel “Rick” Jr. [R]—(Dist. No. 40, *Newberry* Co.)—Pres., Debrick Corp. (Bulldog Battery of Newberry); residing at 9307 S.C. Hwy 34, Newberry; *b.* Oct. 13, 1967 in Newberry; *s.* Richard A., Sr. and the late Marie Martin; *g.* Mid-Carolina HS; May 21, 1989 m. Frances Diane Martin, 4 children, Jessica, Breanna, Spirit, and Madison; Foster parent, 2010-; Pres., Debrick Corp., 2000-; Ruling Elder, Cannon’s Creek A.R.P. Church Prosperity, 1998-.



MCCRAVY, John R. III [R]—(Dist. No. 13, *Greenwood Co.*)—Atty.; residing at 913 Johns Creek Rd., Hodges; *b.* Sept. 6, 1958 in Maryland; *s.* John R., Jr. and Margaret B. McCravy; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.A., 1982; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1985; 1980 *m.* Dana Shaw, 2 children, John R. IV and Kelly, 2 grandchildren; Law Clerk, S.C. Atty. Gen. Office, 1983-84; Law Clerk, U.S. Atty. Office, 1984-85; Staff Atty., Supreme Court of S.C., 1985-87; Atty., Callison, Dorn, Thomason, Garrett and McCravy Law Firm, P.A., 1988-95; Bd. Mem., Supreme Court of S.C. Bd. of Comm. on Grievances and Discipline, 1991-96; City Atty., City of Greenwood, S.C., 1995-04; Atty., McCravy, Newlon and Sturkie Law Firm, P.A., 1995-; mem.: S.C. Bar Assn., 1985-; Admitted in all S.C. State Courts, Federal Dist. Court, Dist. of S.C., 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, 1985-; Federal Bar Assn., 2015-; Bd. Certified, Natl. Bd. of Trial Advocacy, 2001-; M. Mason, Certificate of Proficiency, 25 Year Pin & Life mem., Clemson Lodge #254; mem., Bd. of Dirs., Greater Greenwood United Ministry, Pres., 1995-00, mem., 2010-; mem., Prog. Review Team, Abbeville Baptist Assn., 1998-01; Bd. of Dir., Greenwood Christian School, Chm., 1999-08, mem., 2012-15; Adv. Bd., Crossroads Pregnancy Center, 1999-; Adv. Bd., Volunteers in Med. Missions, 2001-; Adv. Bd., Lander School of Bus. Mgmt., 2016-; NRA Life mem.; Volunteer Award, Piedmont Agency on Aging, 1989; Contributing Author, “Appeals” section of S.C. Jurisprudence, 1993; Adjunct Faculty, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Piedmont Technical Coll., 1988; Adjunct Faculty, Lander Univ., Constitutional Law, Commercial Law, 2012, 2016-; Course Instructor S.C. Bar Legal Lessons, Workers’ Compensation, 2013-, Greenwood Co.; Volunteer Award, DSS, 1992; Dixie Youth Baseball coach, 1990-99; mem., Men’s Ministry & Elder, Calvary Chapel of Greenwood.



NEWTON, Brandon Michael [R]—(Dist. No. 45, *Lancaster-York Cos.*)—Staff, Univ. of S.C.-Lancaster; residing at 2003 Hickory Dr., Lancaster; *b.* July 29, 1994 in Lancaster; *s.* Danny and Donna Newton; *g.* Univ. S.C. Lancaster, 2014, A.A., 2015, A.S., 2015; Univ. of S.C., B.A., 2016; single; The Children’s Council Bd. mem., Lancaster, 2012-; Chm., S.C. 5th Cong. Dist., 2014-16; Univ. of S.C. Lancaster Student Body Pres., 2014-16; Chm., Lancaster Co. Repub. Party, 2015-16; Lay mem., Good Shepard United Methodist Church, 2015-.



RIVERS, Michael F., Sr. [D]—(Dist. No. 121, *Beaufort-Colleton Cos.*)—Minister; residing at 734 Seaside Rd., St. Helena Island; *b.* Oct. 16, 1958 in Baltimore, MD; *s.* Cleaver B. Johnson and Julia Boles (biological parents) and Harris and Ophelia Rivers (parents); *g.* DeVry Inst., Tech. Certificate, 1980; Tech. Coll. of Lowcountry, CAD & Drafting certificate, 2003; Claflin Univ. B.S., 2008; single; 3 children, Monica, Michelle, and Michael Jr., 2 grandchildren; mem., Beaufort Co. Ministerial Alliance; NAACP; Beaufort Co. School Bd., 1998-16; mil. Serv. USAF, 1976-78.



THIGPEN, Ivory Torrey [D]—(Dist. No. 79, *Richland Co.*)—Pastor & Chiropractic Physician; residing in Columbia; *b.* May 11, 1978 in Jackson, MS; *s.* Ivory Curtis and Carolyn Roberson Thigpen; *g.* Jackson St. Univ., B.S., 2000; Palmer Coll. of Chiropractic, M.D. of Chiropractic, 2005; Morehouse School of Religion-ITC, M. of Div., 2013; *m.* Martia Creighton, 4 children, Uriaha, Ivana, Ivory III, and Ananias; Chapter Strategist Kappa Alpha Psi-Delta Delta, 2000; Chapter Pres. SABCA-Palmer, 2003; Legis. Rep. SACA-Palmer, 2004; Palmer Coll. Ethics Bd., 2004; Man of the Year-GABC, 2005; Moderator FCMBEA, 2012; Exec. Bd. BEMSC, 2012; Chaplain Providence Hospitals, 2013; Chaplain, Columbia Police Dept., 2015; Exec. Bd. Natl. Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., 2015; Beta Kappa Chi, 1998-Scientific Honor Soc.; Theta Phi, 2012-Theological Honor Society.



WEST, John Taliaferro IV “Jay”, Ph. D. [R]—(Dist. No. 7, *Anderson-Abbeville Cos.*)—Commercial Real Estate Appraiser; residing at 402 Brown Ave., Belton; *b.* Nov. 29, 1964 in Anderson; *s.* John T. West III and Susan Poore Lacy; *g.* Erskine Coll., B.S., 1987, M.S., 1992, Ph.D., 1997; Gordon Conwell, Arrow Leadership Dev., 1990-92; Penn St. Univ., School of Econ. Dev., 2007; Jan. 8, 1988 *m.* Jennifer Brice, 3 children John T. V “Jack”, Brice McCaslin, and Gray Thomason; Mgr., State Farm Ins., 1986-89; VP, Inst. Relations, Erskine Coll., 1993-07; CEO, The Partnership Alliance, 2007-09; The Taliaferro Group, Principal, 2009-14; Robinson & West LLC, Appraisal Practice, 2014-; Rotary Citizen of the Year, Abbeville Co., 2000; Innovision Technology Award, 2001; Palmetto Pride Bd. of Dirs., Apptd. by Gov. James H. Hodges, 2002-04; Gov’s. Statewide Award for Rural Leadership Dev., S.C. Dept. of Commerce, 2002; S.C. Ambassador for Econ. Dev., 2002; Upstate Alliance Bd. of Dirs., Strategic Planning Com., Chm., Developers Com., 2006-09; Erskine Coll. Bd. of Counselors, 2006-08; S.C. BIO Bd. of Govs., 2006-09; Lander Univ. Bd. of Visitors, 2007-09; Belton City Council, 2012; Mayor Pro Tempore, Belton City Council, 2014; SCPAC, Legis. Com., 2015; S.C. Professional Appraisers Coalition, Bd. of Dirs., 2016.



WHEELER, William W. III “Will” [D]—(Dist. No. 50, Kershaw-Lee-Sumter Cos.)—Atty.; residing at 1930 Camden Hwy, Bishopville; *b.* May 11, 1974 in Sumter; *s.* William W. Wheeler, Jr. & Fred Sandy (step-father) & Dianne (Beasley) Sandy; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., in 1996; J.D., 1999; Sept. 11, 1999 *m.* Keyes Madagen, 2 children, Elizabeth M. and Jackson H.; Leadership Lee, Class of 2006; Lee Co. DSN Bd.; Mid-Carolina Comm. for Higher Educ.; mem. and Sunday School teacher, Bethlehem UMC.



