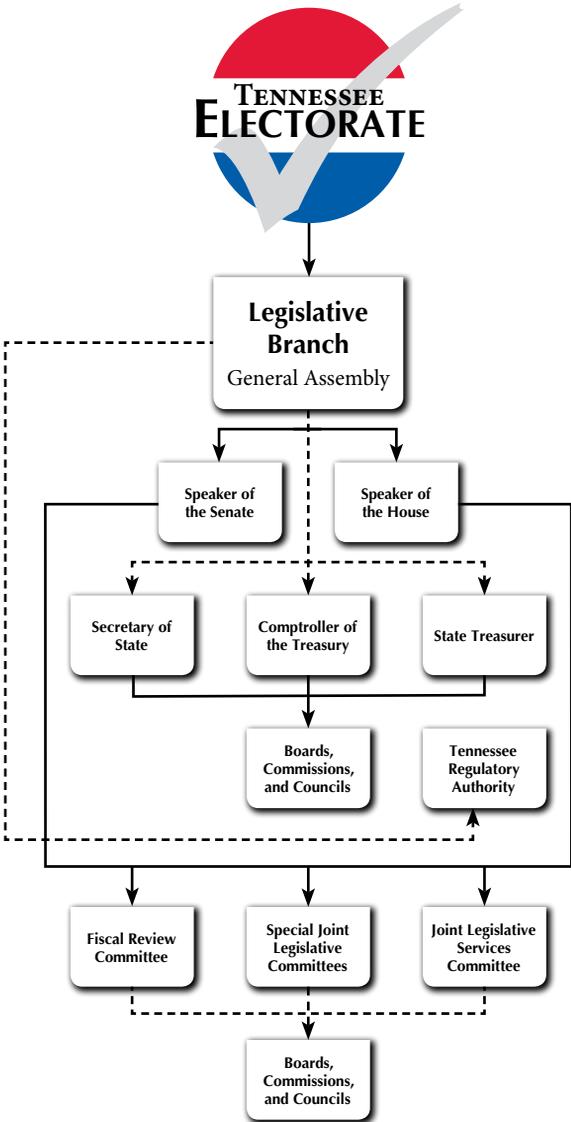






# SECTION I

**Legislative Branch**



# Introduction

Tennessee's legislative branch of government consists of a bicameral General Assembly with a Senate and House of Representatives. This structure has existed since the Assembly's first meeting in Knoxville in the winter of 1796, just before Tennessee became the 16th state in the Union. Members of the General Assembly, or Legislature, are elected by popular vote from districts across the state. Legislators are part-time lawmakers who live in their district and know the local issues.

The primary function of the General Assembly is lawmaking. The Legislature enacts laws, provides a forum for debate, and secures financing for the operation of state government. The Tennessee Constitution requires that the annual budget of state government be balanced—spending no more money than it takes in. The legislative and executive branches work together to ensure that each year's budget balances. The General Assembly reviews and revises the governor's proposed budget and passes tax laws to provide needed revenue. The Constitution specifies the size of the legislature, requiring 99 members in the House and prohibiting the Senate membership from exceeding one-third of the House membership. Thus, the Senate has 33 members. Within the other 48 bicameral state assemblies (Nebraska is the only state with a unicameral legislature), representation varies from between 20 to 67 senators and 40 to 400 representatives.

The General Assembly convenes in the State Capitol building in Nashville on the second Tuesday in January of each odd-numbered year. The body may take up to 15 consecutive calendar days to organize. Many preparations for the deliberative sessions are accomplished during the organizational session: the election of the officers of each house; the election of constitutional officers; naming of committee chairmen and committee membership by the speakers of the House and Senate; the appointment of the House clerk, assistant clerk, and engrossing clerk by the Speaker of the House and the appointment of persons for these positions in the Senate by the speaker of the Senate; and the inauguration of the governor, when appropriate.

The secretary of state, the comptroller of the treasury, and the treasurer are the legislative constitutional officers, with roles specifically laid out in the Tennessee Constitution. A joint convention of the House and Senate, meeting in the chamber of the House of Representatives and presided by the lieutenant governor, elects the secretary of state to a four-year term and the comptroller of the treasury and the treasurer to two-year terms.

Once organized, the General Assembly is required to begin its session the following Tuesday and is limited to 90 legislative days over a two-year period. After completing its legislative work in an odd-numbered year, the body is adjourned by the speakers to a specified date the following year. When work is completed in the second year of a General Assembly, it adjourns *sine die*. The legislature may be called into an Extraordinary Session by the governor or by the two speakers at the request of two-thirds of the members of each house. During such a session, the legislature may consider only the matters that have been predetermined and placed on the agenda.

Legislation may originate in either the House or the Senate but may be amended, rejected, or ignored by the other body. General legislation is introduced in the form of a bill and is subject to a time limit. Bills must be introduced by the tenth legislative day of the session, unless an exten-

sion is granted by two-thirds of the originating body. After the third legislative day, senators are restricted to the introduction of no more than nine bills. For a bill to become a law, it must be considered and passed on three different legislative days in each house. On the third and final consideration, a bill must receive approval of a majority of the members from each house, or 50 votes in the House and 17 in the Senate. After the majority passes a bill, the legislation is signed by each speaker and then sent to the governor for his signature. The governor may veto such legislation, returning it to the house from which it originated, and stating his reasons for disapproval in writing. Each house may override a veto with a simple majority vote, and the bill will become law.

If the governor receives a bill passed by the General Assembly and does not act upon it within 10 days, not including Sundays, the legislation becomes law without his signature. If the General Assembly adjourns within the 10-day period, the bill will become law unless the governor files objections with the secretary of state within the time limit.

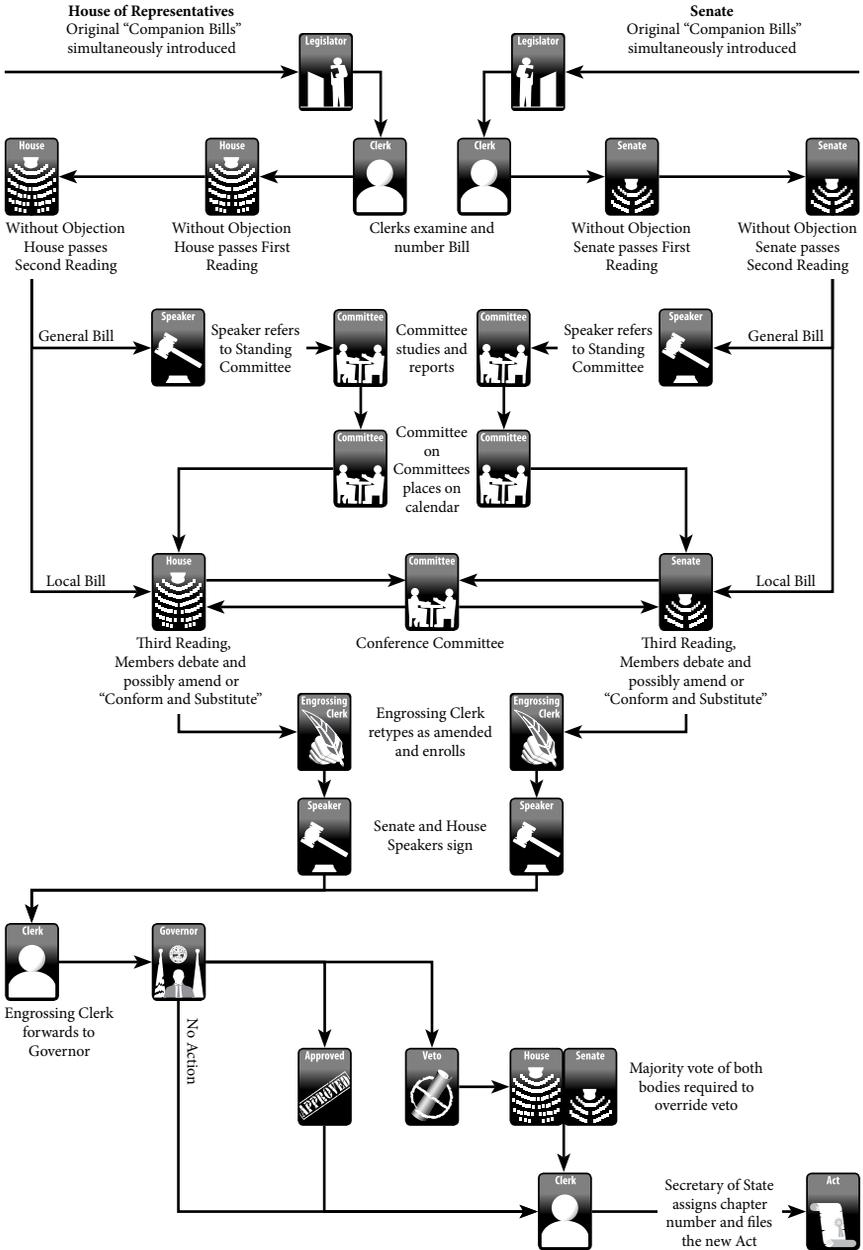
Legislative districts are apportioned by the General Assembly on the basis of population and must be substantially equal. The U.S. Supreme Court has stated that “as nearly as is practicable, one man’s vote is to be worth as much as another’s.” Reapportionment is required by both the U.S. Constitution and the Tennessee Constitution at 10-year intervals following the national census, and at other such times when required by the federal courts on evidence of malapportionment.

There are several ways to accomplish reapportionment. Most states use national census data to redraw congressional and legislative districts. In Tennessee, both the House and Senate direct a committee or legislative staff to draw district lines based upon census data. Each body’s plans are submitted to the other for approval.

The Tennessee Legislature has a distinguished history. A number of its former members have achieved national political prominence and positions of authority in the nation. Of the three presidents Tennessee has contributed—Andrew Jackson (1767–1845), James K. Polk (1795–1849), and Andrew Johnson (1808–1875)—two were former state legislators. Polk began his public career when elected to the state Legislature in 1823, and Johnson was mayor of Greeneville before being elected to several terms in the state Legislature.

David Crockett (1786–1836), famed pioneer and soldier, was elected to the General Assembly in 1821. Joseph W. Byrns (1869–1936) was elected to the state House of Representatives in 1895, served as speaker during a third term in 1899, and was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1909, where he served 14 terms and was elected speaker of the House by the 74th Congress. Cordell Hull (1871–1955), who served as U.S. Secretary of State longer than any other person in American history, began his political career as a member of the Tennessee House in 1892. In more recent times, the late Congressman Joe L. Evins of Smithville, the late Congressman Howard Baker, Sr., of Huntsville, late Congressman James H. Quillen of Kingsport, former Congressman Harold Ford, Sr., of Memphis, the late Congressman and Governor Ray Blanton of Adamsville, former Congressman William Boner of Nashville, former Congressman John Tanner of Union City, former Congressman Lincoln Davis of Pall Mall, Congressman Marsha Blackburn of Brentwood, former Congressman David Davis of Johnson City, Congressman Steve Cohen of Memphis, and Congressman Diane Black of Gallatin are among those who have gone to Congress after service in the Tennessee General Assembly.

### How a Bill Becomes a Law in the General Assembly





Welcome to The  
House of Representatives  
101st General Assembly  
In Commemoration of the  
150th Anniversary of the  
Adoption of the Georgia  
Constitution of 1877  
11:00

# Senate

The upper house of Tennessee's General Assembly is called the Senate. One senator is elected from each of the state's 33 senatorial districts (see map on page 48). Senators are elected to four-year terms, with those from even-numbered districts elected in presidential election years and those representing odd-numbered districts elected two years later. Thus, about half of the 33 senators are standing for election at the same time. Tennessee's senatorial term is the same as 37 other states. Reelection to the Senate is constitutionally permissible, as it is in the House, and there is no limit on the number of terms a legislator may serve.

The qualifications for election to the Senate are set forth in the Tennessee Constitution which states, "No person shall be a senator unless he shall be a citizen of the United States, of the age of thirty years, and shall have resided three years in this state, and one year in the county or district, immediately preceding the election."

The leader of the Senate, or speaker, is also the state's lieutenant governor. The speaker of the Senate is elected by the Senate at each organizational session of the General Assembly. The lieutenant governor stands in immediate succession to the governorship.

The Senate has certain powers and obligations that are different from those of the House of Representatives. The Senate is given the power to try impeachment proceedings initiated by the House. Any officer of the state may be impeached, but two-thirds of the Senate must concur for removal from office.

After the general election, the Senate is the sole judge of the qualifications of its members and may determine its own rules of proceedings. The Senate, like the House, is free to adopt resolutions regarding virtually any issue concerning the state, country, or world community.

## Senate Leadership

The Tennessee Constitution mandates that the members of the Senate shall choose a speaker. Article 3, Section 12 of the Constitution also provides that the speaker of the Senate shall assume the office of the governor in the event of a vacancy. By statute, the speaker of the Senate holds the office of lieutenant governor of the state of Tennessee. As speaker of the Senate, responsibilities include maintaining order in the Senate chamber and the direct supervision of the chief sergeant-at-arms of the Senate. The speaker also has the power of appointment of all officers and members of Senate committees, unless otherwise directed by the Senate. In making appointments, the speaker is to consider the abilities, preferences, and seniority of members, as well as the political party representation in the Senate. Likewise, the speaker possesses the power of removal from committee positions and serves as a member of all Senate standing committees. The speaker serves as co-chairman of the Joint Legislative Services Committee, which oversees offices that provide services to the General Assembly, and must approve, in concurrence with the speaker of the House, the directors of the offices of Legislative Information Services, Legal Services, Legislative Administration, and Legislative Budget Analysis. The speaker is an ex officio member of several

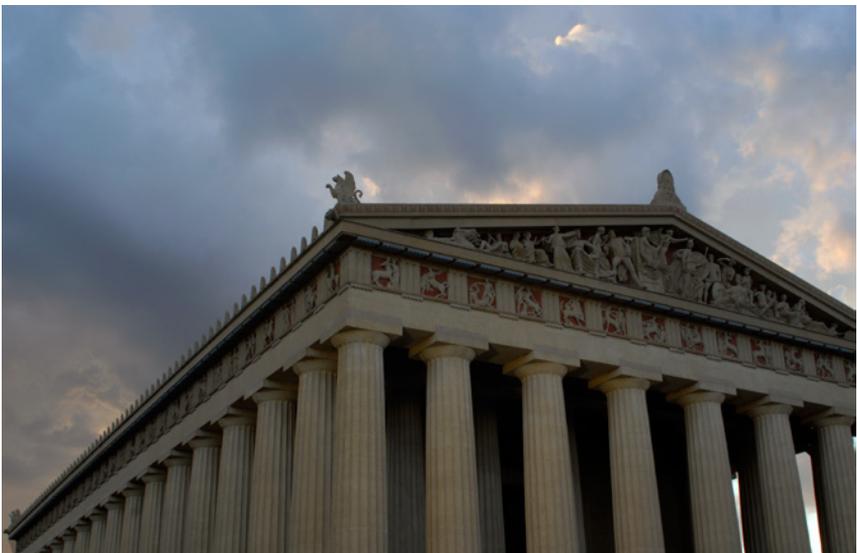
boards and committees, including the Fiscal Review Committee, the Tennessee Mental Health Board, and the Council on Pensions and Insurance. He also chairs the State Building Commission meetings. The speaker signs all acts, proceedings, or orders of the Senate and is in charge of all facilities, professional and clerical staffs, custodians, and security personnel of the Senate.

The speaker of the Senate selects a speaker pro tempore to serve a two-year term. In the absence of the speaker of the Senate, the speaker pro tempore presides over the Senate. The speaker pro tempore performs duties assigned by the speaker of the Senate and serves at the pleasure of the speaker.

The deputy speaker is appointed to a two-year term by the speaker of the Senate. The deputy speaker helps schedule and guide the flow of legislation on the floor, assists the speaker in the administrative decisions of the Senate, and serves as a liaison with regional and national legislative bodies.

Two leaders are chosen: one for the Republican Party and one for the Democratic Party. The leaders rally support of legislation in the Senate and work closely with the House leadership to develop political strategy. This position is elected by their respective caucuses.

The Senate caucus chairs preside at Senate caucus meetings and at joint caucus meetings of the Senate and House. Two chairs are chosen: one for the Republican Party and one for the Democratic Party. The caucus chairs attend leadership meetings of the Senate. It is the chairs' responsibility to see that all caucus meetings are conducted in a fair and orderly fashion. The Chairs, along with other party legislative leaders, keep party members of the House and Senate informed of issues facing the caucus.







**Ronald L. Ramsey**  
*Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the Senate*

## Ronald L. Ramsey

### Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the Senate



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<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Married to the former Sindy Parker of Kingsport; three married daughters: Tiffany, Sheena, and Madison; four grandsons: Parker Ryne, Briggs Greyson, Graham Russel and Anders Lynn; Sunday school teacher, Elizabeth Chapel United Methodist Church; graduate, Sullivan Central High School, 1973; B.S., Industrial Technology, East Tennessee State University, 1978.

**Community Service:** Bristol Association of Realtors; past President and Member: Bristol Tennessee-Virginia Association of Realtors; Advisory Board: Farm Credit Association; past President: Blountville Business Association; Blountville Ruritan Club; Board of Trustees: Rocky Mount Historical Association; Board of Directors and Member: Dawn of Hope; Lifetime Member: National Rifle Association; Member: Tennessee Cattlemen's Association; Member since 1971: Tennessee Farm Bureau; Executive Committee Member: National Conference of State Legislatures.

**Service in Public Office:** Assistant Republican Floor Leader: 100th General Assembly; Chairman: Senate Environment and Conservation Committee: 101st and 102nd General Assemblies; Caucus Chairman: 103rd General Assembly; Majority Leader: 104th General Assembly; Vice Chairman: State Building Commission; Co-Chairman: Joint Legislative Services Committee. On a historic day, January 9, 2007, Ron Ramsey was elected by the Senate to be the first Republican Lieutenant Governor since 1869 and the first new Lieutenant Governor since 1971. Currently the second longest-serving Senate Speaker and the longest-serving Republican Senate Speaker in Tennessee history.

**Awards and Honors:** Executive Committee: Republican Lieutenant Governors Association; 2014 National Foundation for Unemployment Compensation and Workers' Compensation "UI Integrity Award"; 2013 Bristol Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award; Member: GOPAC Legislative Leaders Advisory Board, 2013, 2014; 2012 American Family Business Institute Champion Award; 2011 "Taking Care of Business" Award, Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry; 2011 Outstanding Alumnus Award, East Tennessee State University; recognized in Nashville Post magazine's "In Charge" issue, 2011; 2010 Patriotic Employer Award, Department of Defense; Chairman: Republican Lieutenant Governors Association, 2009; Chairman: Tennessee delegation to the Republican National Convention, 2008; 2009 "Katie's Heroes" Award, DNA Saves; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee CASA Association, 2008; 2009 Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Development District Association; 2009 Senate Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Right to Life; No. 1 Legislator for Business in Tennessee, Business Tennessee, 2008; National Federation of Independent Business Guardian of Small Business Award; 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award, East Tennessee State University College of Business and Technology; 2007 Tennessee School Boards Association Legislative Award; 2009 Business Tennessee's fourth most powerful person in Tennessee; 2008 Tennessee Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame; 2007 Realtor of the Year; Tennessee Development District Association Legislator of the Year, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2006, and 2007; 2004 Conservation Legislator of the Year; 1994 First District Tennessee Christian Coalition State Representative of the Year; "40 Under 40," Business Journal, 1993.

**Membership History:** Senate: 100th through 109th General Assemblies. House: 98th and 99th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Johnson, Sullivan, and part of Carter.

**Religion:** United Methodist, Elizabeth Chapel United Methodist Church.

## Staff for the Office of the Speaker and Lieutenant Governor

### Senior Staff

#### Lance Frizzell

##### *Chief of Staff*

Married, two children; Church of Christ; Sixth-generation Rutherford Countian; B.S., History, Middle Tennessee State University; M.S., Mass Communication, Middle Tennessee State University; J.D., Nashville School of Law; Veteran, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Bronze Star Medal; Member, Veterans of Foreign Wars; GOP State Executive Committeeman; Tally Clerk, 2012 Republican National Convention; Tennessee Government Executive Institute Class of 2007; Political Director, Tennessee Republican Party, 2001-2002; Press Secretary, House Republican Caucus, 2003-2006; Deputy Chief of Staff, 2007-2010; appointed Chief of Staff to Lieutenant Governor Ron Ramsey, 2011.



#### Adam C. Kleinheider

##### *Communications*

##### *Director*

Born August 6, 1976, Highland Park, Illinois; Married: Wife, Sherry; Roman Catholic; B.A., Political Science, Vanderbilt University; Contributor, *InReview*, 1999-2000; WKRN-TV Web Producer, Young Broadcasting, Inc., 2006-2008; Post Politics Editor, SouthComm Communications, Inc., 2008-2010; Reporter, NashvillePost.com, 2008-2010; Columnist, *Nashville City Paper*, 2009-2010; "Best Political Blogger" Best in Nashville Award, *Nashville Scene*, 2006 and 2007; appointed Communications Director to Lieutenant Governor Ron Ramsey, 2011.



#### Jordan Young

##### *Deputy Chief of Staff*

Born March 23, 1986, Kingsport, Tenn; Married: Wife, Hilary; Methodist; B.S., Computer Engineering, University of Tennessee at Knoxville; Administrator, Appalachian Wellness Center, 2008-2009; Northeast Tennessee Field Representative, Tennessee Republican Party, 2010; Treasurer, Sullivan County Young Republicans, 2010-2011; Special Assistant to the Lieutenant Governor, 2011-2012; Executive Director, Tennessee Senate Republican Caucus, 2012; appointed Deputy Chief of Staff to Lieutenant Governor Ron Ramsey, 2012; Tennessee Government Executive Institute, Class of 2015.



### Staff



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Executive Assistant



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**Russell Humphrey**

*Chief Clerk of the Senate*

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**Alan Whittington**

*Deputy Chief Clerk*

Born September 13, 1974, Bowling Green, KY; Methodist; B.S., Marketing, Western Kentucky University; Tennessee Government Management Institute, Class of 2003; Donelson/Hermitage Leadership, Class of 2003/2004; Tennessee Government Executive Institute, Class of 2014; member, American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries; Bill Clerk 2001, Assistant Chief Clerk 2002-2011; Appointed Deputy Chief Clerk of the Senate, 2012.



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Chief Sergeant-at-Arms



**Whitney Johnson**  
Engrossing Clerk



**Nanette Mitchell**  
Journal Clerk



**Jesse Alvey**  
Audio/Visual Supervisor



**Ann Marie Brown**  
Calendar Clerk

# 109th General Assembly

## Senate Leadership

**Ronald L. Ramsey**, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the Senate

**Bo Watson**, Speaker Pro Tempore

**Steve Southerland**, Deputy Speaker

**Mark Green**, Chaplain

### Republican Caucus

**Mark Norris**, Republican Leader

**Bill Ketron**, Republican Caucus

Chairman

**Ferrell Haile**, Republican Caucus

Treasurer

**Becky Duncan Massey**, Republican

Caucus Secretary

### Democratic Caucus

**Lee Harris**, Democratic Leader

**Jeff Yarbrow**, Democratic Caucus

Chairman

## Standing Committees

**Commerce and Labor** – Chairman: Jack Johnson; First Vice Chairman: Mark Green; Second Vice Chairman: Jim Tracy; Todd Gardenhire; Dolores Gresham; Steve Southerland; Reginald Tate; Bo Watson; and Ken Yager.

**Education** – Chairman: Dolores Gresham; First Vice Chairman: Reginald Tate; Second Vice Chairman: Todd Gardenhire; Rusty Crowe; Steven Dickerson; Ferrell Haile; Joey Hensley; Brian Kelsey; and Jim Tracy.

**Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources** – Chairman: Steve Southerland; First Vice Chairman: Frank Niceley; Second Vice Chairman: Paul Bailey; Mike Bell; Mark Green; Dolores Gresham; Lee Harris; Kerry Roberts; and Ken Yager.

**Finance, Ways and Means** – Chairman: Randy McNally; First Vice Chairman: Bo Watson; Second Vice Chairman: Doug Overbey; Steven Dickerson; Ferrell Haile; Thelma Harper; Joey Hensley; Bill Ketron; Mark Norris; John Stevens; and Reginald Tate.

**Government Operations** – Chairman: Mike Bell; First Vice Chairman: Ed Jackson; Kerry Roberts; Paul Bailey; Mae Beavers; Janice Bowling; Rusty Crowe; Lee Harris; and Brian Kelsey.

**Health and Welfare** – Chairman: Rusty Crowe; First Vice Chairman: Bo Watson; Second Vice Chairman: Joey Hensley; Richard Briggs; Ed Jackson; Becky Duncan Massey; Randy McNally; Doug Overbey; and Jeff Yarbrow.

**Judiciary** – Chairman: Brian Kelsey; First Vice Chairman: Doug Overbey; Second Vice Chairman: Janice Bowling; Mike Bell; Todd Gardenhire; Lee Harris; Sara Kyle; Kerry Roberts; and John Stevens.

**State and Local Government** – Chairman: Ken Yager; First Vice Chairman: Steven Dickerson; Second Vice Chairman: Richard Briggs; Mark Green; Thelma Harper; Ed Jackson; Jack Johnson; Bill Ketron; and Mark Norris.

**Transportation and Safety** – Chairman: Jim Tracy; First Vice Chairman: Mae Beavers; Second Vice Chairman: Frank Niceley; Paul Bailey; Janice Bowling; Sara Kyle; Becky Duncan Massey; Steve Southerland; and Jeff Yarbrow.

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## Select Committees

**Calendar** – Chairman: Becky Duncan Massey; First Vice Chairman: Mark Norris; and Second Vice Chairman: Lee Harris.

**Delayed Bills**– Chairman: Ron Ramsey; Mark Norris; and Lee Harris.

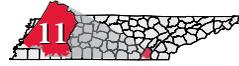
**Ethics** – Chairman: Doug Overbey; First Vice Chairman: Bill Ketron; Second Vice Chairman: Mark Norris; Thelma Harper; and Reginald Tate.

**Rules** – Chairman: Mark Norris; First Vice Chairman: Randy McNally; Second Vice Chairman: Bo Watson; Doug Overbey; and Jeff Yarbro.



# Bo Watson

## Speaker Pro Tempore



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<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** One child; B.A., Biology, Magna Cum Laude, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; Physical Therapy, University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences, Memphis.

**Community Service:** Past Board Member: Wesley Center, UTC; Board Member: Baylor School Alumni Association; Baylor School Board of Trustees; Junior Achievement, Orchard Knob Elementary School; Pachyderm Club; Habitat for Humanity; past Board Member: American Cancer Society Relay for Life; past Board Member, University of Tennessee National Alumni Association; American Heart Association volunteer.

**Service in Public Office:** Speaker Pro Tempore; First Vice Chairman: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; and Health and Welfare Committee; Second Vice Chairman: Rules Committee; Member: Commerce and Labor Committee; and Joint Pensions and Insurance Committee.

**Membership History:** Senate: 105th through 109th General Assemblies. House: 104th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Hamilton.

**Religion:** Methodist.



Legislative Branch

## Steve Southerland Deputy Speaker



**District: 1**

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<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican



**Personal Information:** Wife, Cheri, and one child, Mattea; Walters State Community College; President, Mortgage 1st Corporation, Morristown; retired.

**Community Service:** Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce; Rotary Club; National Rifle Association.

**Service in Public Office:** Deputy Speaker of the Senate; Chairman: Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Member: Commerce and Labor Committee; Joint Fiscal Review Committee; and Transportation and Safety Committee; Financial services standing committee of the National Conference on State Legislatures; and the Energy and Environment Public Policy Committee of the Council of State Governments.

**Awards and Honors:** Legislator of the Year Award, Tennessee Development Districts, 2005; Outstanding State Senator, County Officials Association of Tennessee, 2007; One of Ten National Rising State Leaders recognized by the Canadian Embassy, 2011; Legislator of the Year Award, Tennessee Forestry Association, 2011; Legislator of the Year Award, East Tennessee Development District, 2014; Legislative Friend Award, Tennessee Conservation Voters, 2014.

**Membership History:** 103rd through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Cocke, Greene, Hamblen, and part of Sevier.

**Religion:** Baptist, Buffalo Trail Baptist Church.

## Mark S. Norris, Sr.

### Majority Leader

**District: 32**

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<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Married, two sons; B.A., Political Science, Colorado College, 1977; J.D., University of Denver, 1980.

**Community Service:** Trustee: Tennessee Historical Society, 2007-present; Board Member: Memphis Research Consortium; Member: UT Health Science Center Advisory Board; Director: University of Memphis Intermodal Freight Institute; West Star, class of 1999; Tennessee and Shelby County Farm Bureaus, 1998-present; Director: Boys and Girls Club of Memphis, 1990-1996; National Rifle Association; Tennessee Statesmen; Advisory Council Member, Mississippi River Corridor - Tennessee.

**Service in Public Office:** Senate Majority Leader, 2007-present; Chairman: Rules Committee; Member: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; and State and Local Government Committee; Chairman: Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Board Member: Tennessee State Workforce Development Board, 2013-present; Member: Chickasaw Basin Authority; Member: Tennessee Technology Development Corporation; Chairman: The Council of State Governments, 2014; Chairman-elect: The Council of State Governments, 2013; Chairman: Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations; Chairman: Senate Republican Caucus, 2006; Southern States Energy Board; Chairman: Southern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments, 2010-2011; Chairman: SLC Economic Development, Transportation and Cultural Affairs Committee, 2006-2008; Member: Executive Committee, Council of State Governments, 2007-present; Board Member: Senate Presidents Forum; Executive Committee: National Conference of State Legislators; Memphis and Shelby County New Arena Public Building Authority; Shelby County Board of Commissioners (Commissioner, 1994-2000, and Chairman, 1996-1997).

**Awards and Honors:** 2014 Tennessee School Counseling Association Legislator of the Year; 2014 Tennessee 911 Association Legislator of the Year; 2014 Tennessee Life Science Industry Champion Award; 2014 Silver Bayonet Award AMVETS; 2014 Northwest Tennessee Development District Legislator of the Year; 2014 Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Champion of Commerce and Industry Award; 2013 and 2008 National Federation of Independent Business Tennessee Guardian of Small Business Award; 2012 and 2001 Silver Good Citizenship Medal, Isaac Shelby Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution; 2011 Tennessee Medical Association Community Service Award; 2008 Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference Legislator of the Year Award; 2008 County Officials Association of Tennessee Outstanding State Senator Award; 2002 Henry Toll Fellowship Award from the Council of State Governments.

**Membership History:** 102nd through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Tipton and part of Shelby.

**Religion:** Episcopalian.





# Lee Harris Democratic Leader

District: 29

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Democrat



**Personal Information:** Wife, Alena Allen; two children; proud product of the Memphis City Schools (Alcy Elementary, John P. Freeman Middle, and Overton High School); B.A., Morehouse University; J.D., Yale Law School.

**Community Service:** Memphis and Tennessee Bar Associations; Downtown Memphis Commission; Downtown Neighborhood Association; Frayser Exchange Club; Vollintine Evergreen Community Association.

**Service in Public Office:** Senate Minority Leader; Member: Government Operations Committee; Judiciary Committee; and Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

**Awards and Honors:** 2012 Historic Preservation Award; Named a "Man of Excellence" by *The Tri-State Defender* newspaper; 2014 African American Male Image Award, Hobson-Goodlow Foundation & Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity; 2005 Board of Directors: Memphis Bar Association Young Lawyers Division; 2013 Public Official of the Year, West Branch of the Tennessee Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers; Goodwill Homes Community Services Inc., Head Start Policy Committee Chairperson 2004-2007; Frayser Neighborhood 3V Leader; February 2015 Tennessee Equality Project Champion of Equality, Tennessee Equality Project.

**Membership History:** 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Shelby.

**Religion:** Christian.

## William F. Ketron, Jr.

### Republican Caucus Chairman



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<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Theresa, and daughter, Kelsey; B.S., political science and history, Middle Tennessee State University, 1976; small business owner, Universal International Insurance, Murfreesboro; certified insurance counselor; certified professional insurance agent.

**Community Service:** President, National Exchange Club, 1995-1996; National President, Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse, 2001-present; Co-founder and first president, MTSU Blue Raider Athletic Association; State president, Professional Insurance Agents of Tennessee, 1992-1993; Eagle Scout (Age 12); Leadership Rutherford Alumnus; Mason; Shriner; Board member, Rutherford County Convention and Visitors Bureau; Bradley Academy Board of Directors.

**Service in Public Office:** Senate Republican Caucus Chairman; Vice Chairman: Joint Fiscal Review Committee 2015-present; Former Chairman: Joint Fiscal Review Committee 2010-2015; First vice chairman: Ethics Committee; Member: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; and State and Local Government Committee; Previous Member of Senate Education Committee, Environment Committee, Commerce & Insurance Committee, and Government Operations Committee; Board Member: Tennessee State Museum 2014-present; Board Member: Tennessee Sesquicentennial Commission 2008-present; Rutherford County Commission, 1990-1998 (Chairman of Health and Education Committee, Budget Committee, Public Works Committee, and Public Safety Committee).

**Awards and Honors:** Legislator of the Year, Greater Nashville Regional Council; National Security Eagle Award, ACT for America; Legislator of the Year, United States Humane Society; Animal Advocacy Award, Tennessee Voters for Animal Protection; Outstanding Service Award, Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police; Outstanding Service Award, Tennessee Sheriffs Association; Friend of Business, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce; Advocate of the Year, American Heart Association; Legislative Leadership Award, Tennessee Cable Communications Association; Legislator of the Year, South Central Development District; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Development District Association; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association; Good Green Deed Award, Tennessee Conservation Voters, 2008 and 2009; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Community Organizations (TNCO); Silver Beaver Award, Boy Scouts; Long Rifle Award, Boy Scouts; Distinguished Alumni, Middle Tennessee State University, 1991.

**Membership History:** 103rd through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Rutherford.

**Religion:** First United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro.





## Jeff Yarbro

### Democratic Caucus Chairman

**District: 21**

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2/16/1977  
Married  
Democrat



**Personal Information:** Married with one child; B.A., Harvard University; J.D., University of Virginia.

**Community Service:** Christ Church Cathedral; Casa Azafran, Capital Campaign Co-Chair; East End Preparatory School, Board of Directors; Nashville Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Association; Tennessee College of Applied Technology Advisory Committee.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Health and Welfare Committee; Rules Committee; and Transportation and Safety Committee.

**Membership History:** 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Davidson.

**Religion:** Episcopalian.

## Senate Members

Political makeup of the Senate of the 109th General Assembly, at the time of publication, is 28 Republicans (24 men and 4 women) and 5 Democrats (3 men and 2 women).

Photographs and biographical sketches of the senators of the 109th General Assembly appear on these pages.

### Paul Bailey

**District: 15**

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<b>Birth Date:</b>	3/04/1968
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Amy; three children, and one grandchild. Tennessee Tech.

**Community Service:** Former Chairman: White County Commission; Tennessee Farm Bureau; Tennessee Cattlemen's Association; FACCT; Tennessee Quarter Horse Association; American Quarter Horse Association; National Reined Cow Horse Association; NRA; TSEA; NFIB; Member: Bledsoe, Cumberland, Jackson, Overton, Putnam, and White County Chambers of Commerce; NWTF; Former Chair: White County Republican Party; Former President: White County Fair Board.

**Service in Public Office:** Vice Chairman: Joint Government Operations Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittee; Second Vice Chairman: Senate Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Member: Government Operations Committee; Transportation and Safety Committee; and Joint Government Operations Education, Health and General Welfare Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** 2015 Legislator of the Year, Upper Cumberland Development District; 2012 NRCHA Stock Horse Person of the Year.

**Membership History:** House Member: 108th General Assembly; Senate Member: 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Bledsoe, Cumberland, Jackson, Overton, Putnam, and White.

**Religion:** Christian, Lighthouse Church.



## Mae Beavers

**District: 17**

2020 Hunters Place, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

<b>Occupation:</b>	Retired; Former Court Reporter, Financial Advisor
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<b>Birth Date:</b>	12/11/1947
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Husband, Jerry Beavers; son, Eric, daughter-in-law, Wendi, and grandchildren, Leighton Mae, Taylor McMullin and Collin McMullin; and son, Jason, daughter-in-law, Angela, and grandchildren, Blake and Brayden; businesswoman; B.S., Trevecca Nazarene University.

**Community Service:** Member: Mt. Juliet and Lebanon Chambers of Commerce; Charter Member: Mt. Juliet Noon Rotary; National Rifle Association; Lifetime Member: Tennessee Firearms Association; Wilson County Commission, 1990-1994.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Joint Government Operations Judiciary and Government Subcommittee; First Vice Chairman: Transportation and Safety Committee; Member: Government Operations Committee; and Joint Government Operations Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittee; eight years in the House of Representatives; elected to State Senate in 2002.

**Awards and Honors:** Distinguished Alumni Award for Trevecca Nazarene University, Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities; Patrick Henry Award, Rights Education Fund for support of Second Amendment rights; recognized for support for God, Family, and Country, Eagle Forum; 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award, Trevecca Nazarene University.

**Membership History:** Senate: 103rd through 109th General Assemblies. House: 99th through 102nd General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Cannon, Clay, DeKalb, Macon, Smith, and Wilson.

**Religion:** Nazarene - Trevecca Community Church.

# Mike Bell

**District: 9**

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<b>Occupation:</b>	Small Business Owner & Farmer
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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Lisa; children: Nathan, Laura, Zack, Rachael, and Michaela; Grandchildren: Rory, Madelyn, and Layla Belle; Bradley Central High School; Associate of Science Degree, Cleveland State Community College.

**Community Service:** Member: Tennessee Farm Bureau; McMinn County Republican Party; Athens Area Chamber of Commerce; Etowah Chamber of Commerce; Cleveland/Bradley County Chamber of Commerce; Meigs County Chamber of Commerce; Monroe County Chamber of Commerce; National Wild Turkey Federation; Safari Club International; National Rifle Association.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Government Operations Committee; Member: Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Judiciary Committee; Joint Government Operations Judiciary and Government Subcommittee; and Joint Government Operations Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittee.

**Membership History:** Senate: 107th through 109th General Assemblies. House: 105th and 106th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Bradley, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, and Polk.

**Religion:** Christian/Baptist.

Legislative Branch



## Janice Bowling

**District: 16**

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<b>Occupation:</b>	Homemaker
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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Married to Temple Bowling, IV since 1969; children: son, Temple V, and wife, Kimberly; daughter, Elizabeth; son, Jonathan, and wife, Jackie; seven grandchildren; graduate of Auburn University with a B.S. in Special Education; Member, Grace Baptist Church.

**Community Service:** Life Member, National Rifle Association; Charter Member, Motlow State Community College Ladies' Philanthropic Society; Member, The Southern Tennessee Ladies' Society; serves or has served on multiple board of directors: Arnold Community Council (twice president), Coffee County Senior Citizens, Multi-County Cancer Support Network; President, Tennessee Backroads Heritage; Executive Board President, South Jackson Civic Center Association; President, Coffee and Moore County Salvation Army Service Unit; Vice Chairman, Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) Region Six.

**Service in Public Office:** Second Vice Chairman, Judiciary Committee; Vice Chairman, Joint Government Operations Education, Health, and General Welfare Subcommittee; Member: Government Operations Committee; Transportation and Safety Committee; and Joint Government Operations Judiciary and Government Subcommittee; 15 years as Alderman of Tullahoma (mayor pro-tem one term); Airport Authority Planning Commission; Tullahoma Utility Board; Chairman: Policy Committee; Housing Authority; and Coffee Joint Economic and Community Development Committee.

**Awards and Honors:** Air Force Materiel Command Community Liaison for Arnold Engineering Development Complex; University of Tennessee Space Institute Support Council; National Security Forum; Tennessee State Guard; Upper Cumberland and Southeast First Tennessee Development Districts Legislator of the Year, 2014; Southeast Tennessee Development District Legislator of the Year, 2015; South Central Human Resource Agency Legislator of the Year, 2014, 2015; 2013-2014 Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry "Tennessee Champion of Commerce"; Tennessee Municipal Electric Power Association Power of Excellence Award, 2015.

**Membership History:** 108th General Assembly; 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Coffee, Franklin, Grundy, Marion, Sequatchie, Van Buren, and Warren.

**Religion:** Christian.

# Richard Briggs

**District:** 7  
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Knoxville, TN 37934



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<b>Birth Date:</b>	12/07/1952
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

Legislative Branch

**Personal Information:** Married 42 years to wife, Stephanie; B.S., Transylvania College, 1974; M.D., University of Kentucky, 1978; Retired Colonel U.S. Army; Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery: University of Texas Medical Center-San Antonio; University of Tennessee Medical Center-Knoxville; Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Maryland; military service in Operation Desert Storm, 1990-1991; Afghanistan, 2004; Iraq, 2005-2006; presently in private practice of Cardiothoracic Surgery in Knoxville.

**Community Service:** Knoxville Area Project Access; Haiti Emergency Medical Relief Group 2010; Board of Directors: University of Tennessee Clarence Brown Theater, 2009-2011; President: Knoxville Academy of Medicine, 2009; Board of Trustees: Tennessee Medical Association, 2008-present (Vice-Chairman of the Board, 2012); Chief of Staff: St. Mary's Medical Center, Knoxville, 2009; Board of Directors: St. Mary's/Tennova Medical Center, 2003-present.

**Service in Public Office:** Second Vice Chairman: State and Local Government Committee; Member: Health and Welfare Committee; Knox County Board of Commissioners 2008-2014; Knox County Pension Board, 2010-2014; Board of Directors, Development Corporation of Knox County, 2010-2014; Knox County Ethics Committee, 2009-2013; Board Member: East Tennessee Health Information Network, 2010-2013.

**Awards and Honors:** 1991 Bronze Star, Operation Desert Storm; graduated with Highest Honors, University of Kentucky College of Medicine, 1978; Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society; 2006 Hero Award, Tennessee Hospital Association; 2008 Distinguished Service Award, Tennessee Medical Association; 2009 Healthcare Hero Award, *Knoxville Business Journal*; 2009 Outstanding Alumni Award, American Association of Community Colleges.

**Membership History:** 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Knox.

**Religion:** Methodist.



## Dewey "Rusty" Crowe

**District: 3**

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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Dr. Sarah Barron; children, Katie and John; B.S., East Tennessee State University; J.D., Atlanta Law School; Veteran, United States Army, Southeast Asia.

**Community Service:** Member: Johnson City Lions Club; American Legion Post 24.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Health and Welfare Committee; Member: Education Committee; Government Operations Committee; Joint Government Operations Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittee; and Joint Government Operations Education, Health and General Welfare Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** 1993 Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Human Resource Agency; 1994 State Senator of the Year, First District Tennessee Christian Coalition; 1995 Legislator of the Year, Tennessee School Board Association; 1997 and 2003 Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Development District Association; 2011 Legislator of the Year Victory Award, Tennessee Association of Mental Health; 2014 Legislative Leadership Award, Tennessee Men's Health; 2014 Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Cancer Coalition; Melvin Jones Fellow; 2015 Legislator of the Year, First Tennessee Development District; and has received the Legislative Silver Bayonet Award from the Tennessee AMVETS.

**Membership History:** 97th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Carter, Unicoi, and Washington.

**Religion:** Methodist.



## Steven Dickerson

**District: 20**

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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** The University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.; B.A., Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., 1986; MD, 1992.

**Community Service:** Chairman: Board of Trustees, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia. Member: Tennessee Domestic Violence State Coordinating Council.

**Service in Public Office:** First Vice Chairman: State and Local Government Committee; Member: Education Committee; and Finance, Ways and Means Committee.

**Awards and Honors:** Chief Resident: Department of Anesthesiology, The University of South Florida; President: Tennessee Society of Anesthesiology, 2012-2013.

**Membership History:** 108th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Davidson.

**Religion:** Episcopalian.

## Todd Gardenhire

### District: 10

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### Occupation:

Businessman

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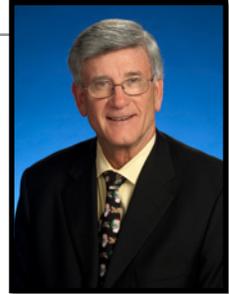
615-741-6682

### Marital Status:

Married

### Political Party:

Republican



**Personal Information:** Wife, Sylvia; four children; five grandchildren; Graduate: Chattanooga High School, 1967; Bachelor of Science (Business Administration), University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, 1972; Naval War College, Annual Current Strategic Forum, 1983; President: VISTA Hospital Systems, Inc., California, 1991-1992; Board Chairman: Downtown General Hospital, Chattanooga, 1988-1992; Inducted to the Tennessee Society of Sons of the American Revolution, 2013.

**Community Service:** Board Member: Awakening, Inc., 1994-present; National Rifle Association; Hamilton County Pachyderm Club; former Board Member, Bethal Bible Village, 2000-2008; University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Alumni Council, 1993-1996; Health Care Facilities Board of Licensing, appointed by Tennessee Governor Don Sundquist, 1998-2002; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Regional Advisory Council on Housing, appointed by Raymond A. Harris, Regional Administrator – Regional Housing Commissioner, 1989-1991; Downtown Kiwanis Club (Board of Directors, 1988-1990); Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Board appointed by Mayor Gene Roberts, 1985-1991; Hamilton County-Erlanger Hospital Financial Review Board, appointed by County Executive Dalton Roberts, 1982-1983; U.S.S. Tennessee Commission Committee, appointed by Governor Ned McWherter, 1987; Tennessee State Employment and Training Council, appointed by Governor Lamar Alexander, 1982.

**Service in Public Office:** Second Vice Chairman: Education Committee; Member: Commerce and Labor Committee; Judiciary Committee; State Steering Committee (Finance); Statewide Delegate, GOP Convention, pledge to Senator John McCain, 2008; Co-Chairman: Tennessee Bush/Quayle, 1988; Co-State Chairman: Kemp for President, 1988; Republican State Executive Committee, 1982-1986; White House Advance Team for the President, 1983-1984; White House Advance Team for the First Lady, 1984-1988; Delegate, GOP Convention, pledge to President Reagan (elected statewide), 1984; Delegate, GOP Convention, pledge to Governor Reagan (elected statewide), 1980; Alternate Delegate, GOP Convention; Co-State Chairman: Reagan for President, 1976 and 1980; pledge to Governor Ronald Reagan, 1976.

**Awards and Honors:** Former presidential appointee, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) Advisory Committee, 2006-2010; Chairman, PBGC, appointed by President George W. Bush by executive order, 2007-2010; Chairman, ERISA Advisory Council, appointed for the 2005 session by U.S. Secretary of Labor; ERISA Advisory Council for the 2004 session, appointed vice chairman by U.S. Secretary of Labor; Washington Impact Player of the Year, Institutional Investment News, 2004; Investment Management Representative, U.S. Department of Labor, 2003-2005; Investment Counseling Representative, U.S. Department of Labor, 1985-1987.

**Membership History:** 108th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Bradley and part of Hamilton counties.

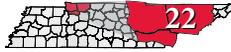
**Religion:** Lookout Valley Presbyterian Church.



## Mark Green

**District: 22**

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<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** B.S., Business Quantitative, West Point; MC, Systems Management, University of Southern California; MD, Doctorate of Medicine, Wright State University.

**Community Service:** Clarksville Chamber of Commerce; Houston-Stewart County Chamber of Commerce; Clarksville Rotary Club; Founder: Align MD Foundation; Board Member: Soldiers and Families Embraced; National Rifle Association; American Legislative Exchange Council; National Federation of Independent Business; Nature Conservancy; Montgomery County Medical Society; Tennessee Firearms Association; Lifetime Member: Trout Unlimited; Whitetail Unlimited; Lifetime Member: Gunowners of America; Tennessee Medical Association; Doctors 4 Patient Care; Association of the U.S. Army; Night Stalker Association; 82nd Airborne Division Association; Member: Grace Community Church; Member: Clarksville-Montgomery County Builders Association.

**Service in Public Office:** Senate GOP Caucus Chaplain; First Vice Chairman: Commerce and Labor Committee; Member: Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; and State and Local Government Committee.

**Awards and Honors:** Bronze Star; Air Medal with "V" device; Air Medal; Combat Medical Badge; Ranger Tab; Army Association Flight Surgeon of the Year; Wright State Medical School Recent Graduate Award; GOPAC Top 21 Emerging Leader; 2015 Legislator of the Year, Greater Nashville Regional Council.

**Membership History:** 108th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Houston, Montgomery, and Stewart.

**Religion:** Christian.

## Dolores R. Gresham

### District: 26

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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** B.A., University of the Incarnate Word; M.S., George Washington University; M.A., Loyola, New Orleans; Lt. Colonel, USMC (retired).

**Community Service:** Past director, Fayette Haywood Enterprise Community; Southwest Tennessee Community College Foundation Board; Fayette County Forestry Association; Fayette County Foster Care Review Board; Local Workforce Investment Board; past president, Fayette County Chamber of Commerce; past president, Tennessee Cattlewomen's Association; past president, Fayette Cares; past director, National Cattlewomen's Association; Fayette County and Tipton County Livestock Associations; Tennessee Farm Bureau; Hardeman County Right to Life; Fayette County Right to Life; Tipton County Heart to Heart; Fayette County Chamber of Commerce; Hardeman County Chamber of Commerce; Oakland Regional Chamber of Commerce; McNairy County Regional Alliance; Hardin County Chamber of Commerce; Chester County Chamber of Commerce; Decatur County Chamber of Commerce; Henderson County Chamber of Commerce; Tennessee Firearms Association; life member, National Rifle Association and National Skeet Shooting Association; member, Marine Corps League, VFW Auxiliary; Pastoral Council, St. Phillip the Apostle Catholic Church.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman, Education Committee; Member: Commerce and Labor Committee; and Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Vice Chair, Education Commission of the States; Chair, Education Committee, Southern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments.

**Awards and Honors:** 2000 C.P. Boyd Award, WestStar; 2000 Citizen of the Year, Fayette County; 2003 Legislator of the Year Award, Southwest Tennessee Development District; 2005 Legislator of the Year Award, Tennessee School Board Association; 2005 Community Builder Award, Oakland Regional Chamber of Commerce; 2006 Community Service Award, Whiteville Community; 2007 Legislator of the Year Award, Memphis Area Association of Governments; 2007 Legislator of the Year Award, Southwest Tennessee Development District; 2009 Legislator of the Year, Southwest Tennessee Development District; 2011 Legislator of the Year, Southwest Tennessee Development District; 2011 Statesman Award, Tennessee Homeschoolers Association; 2012 Golden Apple Award; 2013 Legislator of the Year, Junior Leagues of Tennessee; 2015 Harold Bradley Legislative Leadership Award; 2015 Legislative Champion, Tennessee Charter School Center.

**Membership History:** Senate: 106th through 109th General Assemblies. House: 103rd through 105th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Chester, Decatur, Fayette, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, and McNairy.

**Religion:** Catholic.



## Ferrell Haile D.Ph.

**District: 18**

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<b>Occupation:</b>	Owner, Haile Farms; Pharmacist
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<b>Birth Date:</b>	12/02/1946
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Kay; four children; seven grandchildren; University of Tennessee Pharmacy at Memphis, B.S. Ph., 1970; Lipscomb University, 1965-1968; Sumner County Public Schools, 1952-1965; Pharmacist, Perkins Drugs, Gallatin (previous owner); Owner: Haile Farms, Gallatin, 1975-present; previous Co-Owner: Springfield Drugs and South Side Drugs of Springfield; Gallatin Drugs and McHaile Drugs of Gallatin; and Atrium Pharmacy of Nashville; Board Member: American Pharmacy Cooperative, Inc., Birmingham, Alabama, 2004-present; Vice Chairman, 2004-2009; Tennessee Pharmacist Coop, Inc. of Nashville (Board Member: 1996-2004; Chairman: 2002-2004); Member: Tennessee Pharmacist Association; National Community Pharmacists Association.

**Community Service:** Member: Sumner County Farm Bureau; Gallatin Morning Rotary Club (Member: 2001-present; President: 2008); Gallatin Rotary Club, Noon, (Member: 1988-2001; President: 1999); Board Member: Christian Towers, Gallatin, 2005-2014; President: Southeast Community Fire Department, 2002-present; Elder: Station Camp Church of Christ, 2010-present; Board Member: World Christian Broadcasting, Nashville, 2004-2014; Member: Sumner County Board of Health, 1996-2013; Leadership Sumner alumni; Member: Gallatin Chamber of Commerce; Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce; Portland Chamber of Commerce; White House Chamber of Commerce; Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce; Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce; Old Hickory Chamber of Commerce; Trousdale Chamber of Commerce; Tennessee Cattlemen’s Association; NRA.

**Service in Public Office:** Republican Senate Caucus Treasurer; Member: Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Senate Education Committee; Revenue Subcommittee of Finance, Ways and Means; and Council on Pensions and Insurance.

**Awards and Honors:** Eagle Scout; Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary International.

**Membership History:** 107th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Sumner, Trousdale, and part of Davidson.

**Religion:** Christian, Station Camp Church of Christ.

# Thelma M. Harper

**District:** 19

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**Office Phone:**

615-741-2453

**Marital Status:**

Married

**Political Party:**

Democrat



Legislative Branch

**Personal Information:** Married 51 years to Paul Harper; two children (one deceased); B.S., Tennessee State University.

**Community Service:** Former Commissioner: Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; eight-year Member: Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County Council (2nd District); host for more than 26 years of annual Easter egg hunt for Davidson County children; Member: Nashville Alumni Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; National HOOK-UP of Black Women, Incorporated; Board of Directors: Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame; Downtown Partnership; President: Tennessee Commemorative Women's Suffrage Commission.

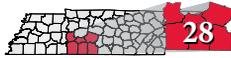
**Service in Public Office:** Member: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Ethics Committee; State and Local Government Committee; Joint Government Operations Education, Health and General Welfare Subcommittee; and Joint Government Operations Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittee; served eight years on Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County Council; Chairman: Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators; delegate to Democratic National Convention, 1980, 1984, 1988, and 1992.

**Awards and Honors:** Business Award, National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs; Jaycees' Woman of the Year Award; June Anderson Leadership Award, Middle Tennessee State University; Frances Williams Preston Award for Breast Cancer Awareness, 1999; Who's Who in Politics and Women in Government; first African American female elected to State Senate; first female to preside over Tennessee Senate; Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators (Davidson County delegation).

**Membership History:** 96th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Davidson.

**Religion:** Member, Schrader Lane Church of Christ.



## Joey Hensley, MD

**District: 28**

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Hohenwald, TN 38462

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<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Daughters, Jenna and Jada; son, Joseph; A.S., Columbia State Community College; B.S., University of Memphis; M.D., University of Tennessee at Memphis.

**Community Service:** Fellow: American Academy of Family Physicians; Member: Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians; American Medical Association; Tennessee Medical Association; Member and former Chairman: Lewis County School Board; former Member: Lewis County Commission; Lewis County Medical Examiner; Lewis County Health Council; founding Member: Lewis County Education Foundation; Member: Lewis County Chamber of Commerce, Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, Maury County Chamber of Commerce, Giles County Chamber of Commerce, Lewis County Youth Council, Airplane Owners and Pilots Association, Tennessee Right to Life, National Rifle Association, NFIB, and Sons of Confederate Veterans.

**Service in Public Office:** Second Vice Chairman: Health and Welfare Committee; Member: Education Committee; and Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Republican Caucus treasurer, 104th through 107th General Assemblies. Assistant Floor Leader, 103rd General Assembly; former Member and Chairman: Lewis County School Board; former Member: Lewis County Commission; former Member and Chairman: TennCare Oversight Committee.

**Awards and Honors:** 2003 President's Award, Leader/Freshman Category, National Republican Legislators Association; 2004 Legislator of the Year Award, Tennessee Development District Association; 2006 Legislator of the Year Award, National Alliance on Mental Illness; 2006 Legislator of the Year Award, Tennessee Mental Health Consumers' Association; 2006 Cultural Preservation Award, Alliance for Native American Indian Rights of Tennessee; 2008 NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award; 2009 Tennessee Right to Life Legislator of the Year Award; 2009 Lawrence County Right to Life Pro-Life Leadership Award; 2014 Outstanding Legislative Leadership Award, Tennessee Men's Health Network; 2014 Legislator of the Year Award, South Central Tennessee Development District; 2013 Friend of Business Award, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Membership History:** Senate: 108th and 109th General Assemblies. House: 103rd through 107th General Assemblies.

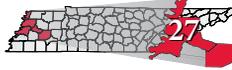
**Counties Represented:** Giles, Lawrence, Lewis, Maury, Perry, and Wayne.

**Religion:** Pentecostal.

## Ed Jackson

**District: 27**

25 Wyndhurst, Jackson, TN 38305



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**Office Phone:** 615-741-1810  
**Birth Date:** 7/21  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**Political Party:** Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Marilyn; three children; three grandchildren. Lambuth University, Memphis State University School of Business, and Ohio State University School of Business. Tennessee National Guard, 30th Armored Brigade.

**Community Service:** Vice President of Marketing: West Tennessee Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America; former Board Member: Jackson YMCA; 30th Armored Brigade Association; Member: Jackson Rotary Club; Jackson Chamber of Commerce; Crockett County Chamber of Commerce; Dyer County Chamber of Commerce; National Rifle Association; Tennessee Firearms Association; Fraternal Order of Police; National Federation of Independent Business; and Kappa Sigma Fraternity Alumni.

**Service in Public Office:** First Vice Chairman: Government Operations Committee; Member: Health and Welfare Committee; State and Local Government Committee; and Corrections Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** Eagle Scout; 2012 Business of the Year, Jackson Chamber of Commerce.

**Membership History:** 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Crockett, Dyer, Lake, Lauderdale, and Madison.

**Religion:** Church of Christ.





## Jack Johnson

**District: 23**

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Brentwood, TN 37027

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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Deanna; three children; B.S. Ed., Political Science, Texas State University.

**Community Service:** Member: Williamson County Chamber of Commerce; National Rifle Association; and Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; Advisory Board Member: Williamson County Child Advocacy Center; Board Member: Williamson County Fair; Member: Williamson County Republican Party Chairman's Circle.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Commerce and Labor Committee; Member: State and Local Government Committee; Member: Capitol Commission.

**Awards and Honors:** 2014 "Champion of Commerce" Award, Tennessee Chamber of Commerce; 2014 Legislator of the Year, National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies; 2012 National Federation of Independent Business Guardian of Small Business Award; 2011 Davidson County Republican Party Governor Winfield Dunn Leadership Award; 2011 Williamson County Republican Party Centennial Reagan Day Award for Outstanding Conservative Leadership; 2010 Council of State Government Henry Toll Fellowship Program; 2008 Southern Leadership Conference Center for Advanced Leadership Skills.

**Membership History:** 105th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Williamson.

**Religion:** Attends Grace Chapel Church in Leiper's Fork.

## Brian Kelsey

**District:** 31  
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**Community Service:** University of Memphis, former Adjunct Undergraduate Professor of Constitutional Law; Fellowship Memphis Church, former choir member and 1st grade Sunday school teacher; Federalist Society, Memphis Lawyers Chapter Board Member; Christian Legal Society; Republican National Lawyers Association; Lester Community Center, former volunteer children’s reader; Shelby County Republican Party, former Steering Committee member; NEXUS Leaders, former mentor; Governor’s Task Force on Sentencing & Recidivism, member; Tennessee Holocaust Commission, board member.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Judiciary Committee; Member: Education Committee; Member: Government Operations Committee; former Chairman: House Civil Practice Subcommittee; former House Republican Floor Leader.

**Awards and Honors:** Outstanding State Senator, County Officials Association of TN, 2013; Guardian of Small Business Award, National Federation of Independent Business, 2012; Legislator of the Year, Memphis Area Association of Governments, 2011; Memphis’ Finest Young Professionals, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 2011; Pro Bono Service Award, Memphis Area Legal Services 2008; “30 under 30”, *Business Tennessee Magazine*, 2005; “40 under 40”, *Memphis Business Journal*, 2004.

**Membership History:** Senate: 106th through 109th General Assemblies; House: 104th through 106th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Shelby; Cordova, East Memphis, and Germantown.

**Religion:** Non-denominational Christian.

Legislative Branch



## Sara Kyle

**District: 30**

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**Personal Information:** Sara Kyle has dedicated her professional life to public service. She began her career as a public school teacher in Tennessee before becoming a legislative aide to Sen. Annabelle Clement O'Brien. During her tenure working in the State Senate, she attended law school at night. After graduating and clerking for the Tennessee Attorney General's office, she entered into private law practice. She served as a judge in Memphis City Court before being elected statewide to the Public Service Commission in 1994. In 1996, she was appointed to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA), which succeeded the Public Service Commission as the utility regulator for Tennessee's consumers. She retired from the TRA in 2013. Sara is the mother of four and is married to Shelby County Chancellor Jim Kyle.

**Community Service:** Various community and state organizations.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Judiciary Committee; Transportation and Safety Committee; and Joint Fiscal Review Committee.

**Membership History:** 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Shelby.

**Religion:** Presbyterian.

## Becky Duncan Massey

**District: 6**

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Legislative Branch

**Personal Information:** Husband, Morton; two daughters, Courtney and Kristen; granddaughter, Bailey; B.S., Business Administration, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1977.

**Community Service:** Past President, Tennessee Community Organizations; Member: Downtown Sertoma Club; Leadership Knoxville class of 2005; Alpha Omicron Pi Alumnae; and Community Auction volunteers; sustaining Member: Akima Club; co-chaired 1992 Dogwood Arts Festival; former girls softball coach; former Girl Scout leader; Delegate, 1988 Republican National Convention; former boards: Overlook Mental Health Center, Dogwood Arts Festival, UT Alumnae Knoxville Chapter, and Big Brothers-Big Sisters.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Calendar Committee; Secretary: Senate Republican Caucus; Member: Health and Welfare Committee; Transportation and Safety Committee; Statewide Planning and Policy Council for the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities; Tennessee Technology Access Program Statewide Advisory Council; Governor’s Taskforce on Sentencing and Recidivism; and Tennessee Economic Council on Women.

**Awards and Honors:** The Council of State Governments-Henry Toll Fellow; Disability Rights Tennessee 2014 Freedom Award; Tennessee Community Organizations 2014 Legislator of the Year; Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police 2012 and 2013 Legislative Award; Tennessee Association of Optometric Physicians 2012-2013 Legislator of the Year; Alpha Omicron Pi Outstanding Alumnae Award; YWCA Tribute to Women Finalist.

**Membership History:** 107th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Knox.

**Religion:** Presbyterian, Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church.



## Randy McNally

**District: 5**

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**Marital Status:** Married

**Political Party:** Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Jan; children, Melissa and Maggie; grandchildren: Haley, Morgan and Trent; 1962 graduate, Oak Ridge High School; B.S., Memphis State University, 1967; U.T. College of Pharmacy, 1969; Hospital Pharmacist, 1978-2010, Methodist Medical Center, Oak Ridge; Advanced Cardiac Life Support Certification, 2007-2013.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Joint Pensions and Insurance Committee; First Vice Chair: Rules Committee; Member: Health and Welfare Committee; and Joint Fiscal Review Committee; and Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR).

**Awards and Honors:** Lenior City honors Senator McNally for his service, 2014; Tennessee Community of Organizations Award of Excellence, Legislator of the Year, 2013; Legislator of the Year Distinguished Service Award, Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers, 107th General Assembly; CASA President’s Award, 2012; Legislative Hero Award, Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations, 2012; Appreciation of Distinguished Service Award, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, 2012; Small Business Guardian, National Federation of Independent Business, 2012; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee CASA Association, 2011; Tennessee Men’s Health Network Outstanding Legislative Leadership, 2010; Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police Legislative Award, 2010; Open Government Award, Tennessee Press Association, 2009; Outstanding State Senator, County Officials Association of Tennessee, 2006; Legislative Award, Tennessee School Boards Association, 2004; Distinguished Service Award, UT College of Pharmacy, 1996; Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary International, 1996; Bill Bates Award, 1994; MADD Outstanding Legislator, Distinguished Service Award, 2004 and 1994; Distinguished Service Award, American Council on Alcohol Problems, 1994; Common Cause “Bird Dog” Award, 1994; Sertoma Man of the Year, 1991; Republican Legislator of the Year, 1990.

**Membership History:** Senate: 95th through 109th General Assemblies; House: 91st through 94th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Anderson, Loudon, and part of Knox.

**Religion:** Catholic.

# Frank Niceley

**District: 8**  
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<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Cynthia; four children; B.S., University of Tennessee, 1969.

**Community Service:** Farm Bureau; Tennessee Hunters Alliance; Gun Owners of America.

**Service in Public Office:** First Vice Chairman: Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Second Vice Chairman: Transportation and Safety Committee.

**Awards and Honors:** Conservative of the Year Award, Tennessee Conservative Union, 2012; Legislative Leader Award, Sportsmen’s and Animal Owners’ Voting Alliance, 2009.

**Membership History:** Senate: 108th through 109th General Assemblies. House: 96th, 97th, and 104th through 107th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Claiborne, Grainger, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, and Union.

**Religion:** Methodist.

Legislative Branch



## Douglas Overbey

**District: 2**

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<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Kay; daughters and sons-in-law: Kathleen and Ryan Thomas, Hannah and Kris Yarlett, and Elizabeth and Matt Thomason; Granddaughter: Anna Kathleen Thomason; B.A., Magna Cum Laude, Carson-Newman College, 1976; J.D., University of Tennessee College of Law, 1979; Order of the Coif, UT College of Law, 1979; Graduate of the Year, Roosevelt Inn, Phi Delta Phi, UT College of Law, 1979.

**Community Service:** Member: Board of Directors, Maryville College; Member: Governor's Council, Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature; Member: Board of Directors, A Secret Safe Place for Newborns of Tennessee Inc.; American, Tennessee, Knoxville, and Blount County Bar Associations; Blount County Chamber of Commerce; United Way of Blount County; Kiwanis Club of Maryville; Leadership Blount; Leadership Sevier; Member, Board of Directors: Presbyterian Homes of Tennessee Inc.; past Chancellor: The Diocese of East Tennessee; past President: the Standing Committee, The Diocese of East Tennessee; past Trustee: Knoxville Museum of Art; past Member, Board of Directors: New Hope-Blount County Children's Advocacy Center.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Ethics Committee; First Vice Chairman: Judiciary Committee; Second Vice Chairman: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Member: Health and Welfare Committee; Rules Committee; Joint Fiscal Review Committee; and Joint Committee on Pensions and Insurance; Chairman: Tennessee Arts Caucus; Member: Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules and Practice and Procedure; Co-Chairman: Second Look Commission; Member: Children's Advisory Council; Member: Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Statewide Planning and Policy Council. Member: Blount County Board of County Commissioners (1982-1990).

**Awards and Honors:** Legislator of the Year Award, National Alliance for Mental Illness, 2010 and 2015; Legislative Award, Tennessee Cancer Coalition, 2015; "Good Guy" Award, Tennessee Women's Political Collaborative, 2015; EPIC "Heavy Hitter Award," 2015; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Mental Health Association, 2014; Carson-Newman University Distinguished Alumnus Award, 2012-2013; Henry Toll Fellow, Council of State Governments, 2013; President's Award, Tennessee Bar Association, 2013; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Association, 2012; Policy Makers Award, Tennessee Voices for Children, 2012; Legislative Award, ARC of Tennessee, 2012; Inaugural Legislative Leadership Award, Tennessee Road Builders Association, 2012; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Pharmacists Association, 2012; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Hospitality Association, 2010-2012; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Men's Health Network, 2011 and 2012; Bud Cramer Award, National Children's Alliance, 2011; Community Leadership Award, Leadership Blount, 2011; Award for Dedication and Outstanding Efforts, March of Dimes, 2011; CPIT Leadership Award, Tennessee Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers, 2010; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Network of Community Organizations, 2010; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Development District Association, 2010; Law through Liberty Award, Knoxville Bar Association, 2009; Legislative Victory Award, Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations, 2008; Statesman of the Year, Tennessee Optometric Association, 2007; Award of Appreciation, Tennessee Silica Justice Coalition, 2006; Legislator of the Year Award, American Physical Therapist Association, 2006; Community Service Award for Public Service, Tennessee Hospital Association, 2004; Life Safety Award, Tennessee Fire Service Coalition, 2004; Outstanding State Representative, County Officials Association of Tennessee, 2004; Legislative Champion, Tennessee Association of Retired Persons, 2004; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Association of Utility Districts, 2003.

**Membership History:** Senate: 106th through 109th General Assemblies. House: 102nd through 105th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Blount and part of Sevier.

**Religion:** St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Maryville, TN.

## Kerry Roberts

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**Political Party:** Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Dianne; three children; B.S., Lipscomb University; CPA (Inactive).

**Community Service:** Tennessee Society of CPAs; National Federation of Independent Business; National Rifle Association; Tennessee Firearms Association; Tennessee Right to Life; Chambers of Commerce for Cheatham County, Dickson County, Hickman County, Humphreys County, Robertson County, White House, Tenn., and North Cheatham.

**Service in Public Office:** Second Vice Chairman: Government Operations Committee; Member: Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Judiciary Committee; Joint Government Operations Health and General Welfare Subcommittee; Joint Government Operations Judiciary and Government Subcommittee.

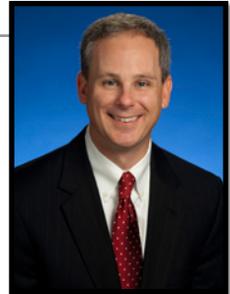
**Membership History:** 107th General Assembly (Senate District 18), 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Cheatham, Dickson, Hickman, Humphreys, and Robertson.

**Religion:** Christian.

## John D. Stevens

**District: 24**  
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**Political Party:** Republican

**Personal Information:** Lives in Huntingdon with his wife, Elicia, and their two daughters; J.D., University of Memphis; B.S. in Political Science, University of Tennessee at Martin (Cum Laude).

**Community Service:** Coach, youth soccer and basketball; Sunday school leader, First Baptist Church of Huntingdon; former Chairman of Carroll County Republican Party.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Judiciary Committee; Governor’s Task Force on Sentencing and Recidivism, appointed by Governor Haslam; Council of State Government’s Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, appointed by Lieutenant Governor Ron Ramsey. Former Member: Post-Conviction Defender Oversight Commission, appointed by Lieutenant Governor Ron Ramsey.

**Awards and Honors:** Graduate: Delta Leadership Institute Executive Academy, appointed by Governor Bill Haslam; 2013 Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers “Legislator of the Year”; 2014 Graduate: Henry Toll Fellows program, a leadership training academy. Named a 2014 “Champion of Commerce” by the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce.

**Membership History:** 108th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Benton, Carroll, Gibson, Henry, Obion, and Weakley.

**Religion:** Baptist.



## Reginald Tate

**District: 33**

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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Democrat

**Personal Information:** Four children; President and CEO, Accent by Design; B.A., Architectural Engineering, University of Memphis.

**Community Service:** Vice Chairman: Cocaine, Alcohol Awareness Program; Member: Shelby County Juvenile Court Advisory Council; Methodist Community Board; National Civil Rights Museum Board of Directors; Lifeblood Board of Directors; MAXIMUS Task Force.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: STEM Legislative Caucus; First Vice Chairman: Senate Education Committee; Member: Commerce and Labor Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Select Committee on Ethics; Joint Fiscal Review Committee; Select Oversight Committee on Business Taxes; Select Committee on Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation; Cover Tennessee Advisory Committee; Council of State Governments Governing Board; Southern Regional Education Board; State Collaborative on Reforming Education Steering Committee; Vice Chairman: Shelby County Delegation.

**Membership History:** 105th through 109th General Assemblies.

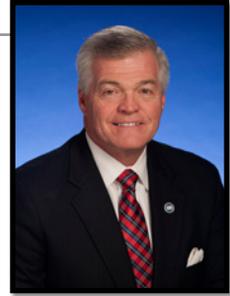
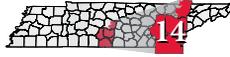
**Counties Represented:** Part of Shelby.

**Religion:** First Baptist Church - Broad.

## Jim Tracy

### District: 14

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<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Married with three children; B.S., University of Tennessee at Martin.

**Community Service:** From 1996-2004, Member: Bedford County Board of Education, serving as Vice Chairman for five years; President: Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce (1992-1993); Founding Member, Bedford County Economic Development and Tourism Committee; past Chairman: Tennessee Leadership Council of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB); Shelbyville Rotary Club; Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce; NCAA basketball official for 10 years; Board Member: MTSU Honors College Board of Visitors; Director: State Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Transportation and Safety Committee; Second Vice Chairman: Commerce and Labor Committee; Member: Education Committee; and Joint Pensions and Insurance Committee.

**Awards and Honors:** 2004-2008, UT Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Advisory Council Award; 2005 Stones River chapter of Sons of the American Revolution Certificate of Appreciation Award; 2005 Tennessee Republican Party Statesman of the Year for the Sixth congressional district; 2006 Bedford County Retired Teachers Association Legislative Award; 2006 and 2007, The Arc of Tennessee Legislative Award; 2007 Tennessee Public Transit Authority Senator of the Year Award; 2007 Tennessee School Board Association Legislative Award; 2007 Shelbyville Breakfast Rotary Club Service Above Self Award; 2007 Adult Education Task Force Leadership Award; 2007 Bedford County, Shelbyville Community Development Center Certificate of Appreciation; 2007 and 2009, South Central Tennessee Development District Legislator of the Year; 2007 American Heart Association Advocate of the Year; 2008 MTSU Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Fraternity Award; 2008 Friend of TOSS Award; 2008 Habitat for Humanity Appreciation Award; 2009 AAA Auto Club of Tennessee Legislator of the Year; 2009 Boys and Girls Club Appreciation Award; 2011 Courage in Restoring Conservative Principles Award, Rutherford County 9.12 Project Tennessee; Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police 2011 Legislative Award; 2011 Checks and Balances Award, Tennessee County Services Association in recognition of protecting taxpayer dollars; 2011 Walking Horse Trainers' Auxiliary Merit Award; LaVergne Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) 2011 Award in recognition and appreciation for continued support and active involvement; 2011 Center for the Advancement of Leadership Skills certificate of completion; 2012 Housing Hero Award, Tennessee Homebuilders Association; Tennessee Public Transportation Association 2012 Legislator of the Year Award; 2012 Friend of Business Award, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce; 2013 Tennessee Sheriff's Association Award in recognition of outstanding initiative to enhance leadership in law enforcement; 2013 Legislator of the Year Award, South Central Tennessee Development District; the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International named Jim Tracy a "Paul Harris Fellow" in appreciation of his furthering better understanding among people of the world; 2013 Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; 2014 Presidents' Award of Merit, Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society; 2014-2015 Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Affordable Housing Coalition; Blue Ribbon Walk IX Award, Junior's House Blue Ribbon Walk.

**Membership History:** 104th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Bedford, Lincoln, Marshall, Moore, and parts of Rutherford.

**Religion:** Church of Christ.



## Ken Yager

**District: 12**

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<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Married to the former Malinda Raby, Oliver Springs; two children, Bonnie-Marie Christine Yager and William Ashton Wise Yager; Associate Professor of Law, Roane State Community College, Harriman; J.D., University of Memphis, 1977; M.S., University of Tennessee at Martin, 1972; B.A., University of Tennessee at Martin, 1969.

**Community Service:** Member and former President: Rockwood Civitan Club; Board Member and former Chairman: Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee; Board Member and former Chair: Mid East Community Action Agency; former Board Member: Roane County Heritage Commission; Member: Dayton Rotary Club; Life Member: Roane County Humane Society; Member: Chambers of Commerce of Oak Ridge, Dayton, Spring City, Campbell, Fentress, Morgan, Pickett, Roane, and Scott counties; Gideon; Southgate Lodge No. 569 F & AM; Member: National Rifle Association.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: State and Local Government Committee; Member: Commerce Committee; Joint Fiscal Review Committee; Tennessee Information Systems Council; Tennessee Economic Council on Women; Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability; and National Conference of State Legislators Nuclear Workgroup; Roane County Executive, 1982-2006; Roane County Attorney, 1978-1982; Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, 1995-1998 and 2002-2006; Tennessee Workforce Board, 1995-1998; Harriman Public Library Board.

**Awards and Honors:** 2015 Public Service Award, Scott County Chamber of Commerce; 2015 Appreciation Award, Tennessee Development District Association; 2014 Open Government Award, The Tennessee Press Association; 2014 Legislator of the Year Award, TN 911; 2014 Good Scout Award, Great Smoky Mountains Council, Boy Scouts of America; 2014 Appreciation Award, ETPA- TAPP; 2013 Republican of the Year Award, Roane County Republican Party; 2013 Legislator of the Year Award, Greater Nashville Regional Council; 2013 Legislator of the Year Award, East Tennessee Development District; 2013 Legislator of the Year Award, Southeast Tennessee Development District; 2012 Tennessee Sheriffs' Association Award; 2011 Legislator of the Year Award, East Tennessee Development District; 2011 Checks and Balances Award, Tennessee County Services Association; 2009 Legislator of the Year Award, Tennessee Association of Community Action Agencies; 2010 Hall of Fame Award, The Bridge at Rockwood, Tenn.; 2006 Distinguished Service Award, Roane County Chamber of Commerce.

**Membership History:** 106th through 109th General Assemblies.

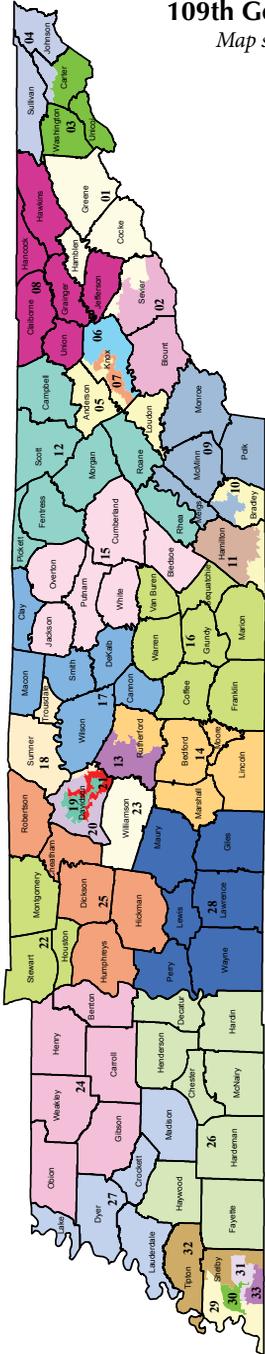
**Counties Represented:** Campbell, Fentress, Morgan, Pickett, Rhea, Roane, and Scott.

**Religion:** Baptist.



### 109th General Assembly Senate Districts

Map shows approximate areas represented.



District	County	District	County	District	County
1st	Cocke, Greene, Hamblen, and Sevier (in part)	13th	Rutherford (in part)	24th	Benton, Carroll, Gibson, Henry, Obion, and Weakley
2nd	Blount and Sevier (in part)	14th	Bedford, Lincoln, Marshall, Moore, and Rutherford (in part)	25th	Cheatham, Dickson, Hickman, Humphreys, and Robertson
3rd	Carter (in part), Unicoi, and Washington	15th	Bledsoe, Cumberland, Jackson, Overton, Putnam, and White	26th	Chester, Decatur, Fayette, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, and McNairy
4th	Carter (in part), Johnson, and Sullivan	16th	Coffee, Franklin, Grundy, Marion, Sequatchie, Van Buren, and Warren	27th	Crockett, Dyer, Lake, Lauderdale, and Madison
5th	Anderson, Knox (in part), and Loudon	17th	Cannon, Clay, DeKalb, Macon, Smith, and Wilson	28th	Giles, Lawrence, Lewis, Maury, Perry, and Wayne
6th	Knox (in part)	18th	Davidson (in part), Sumner, and Trousdale	29th	Shelby (in part)
7th	Knox (in part)	19th	Davidson (in part)	30th	Shelby (in part)
8th	Claborn, Grainger, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, and Union	20th	Davidson (in part)	31st	Shelby (in part)
9th	Bradley (in part), McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, and Polk	21st	Davidson (in part)	32nd	Shelby (in part) and Tipton
10th	Bradley (in part) and Hamilton (in part)	22nd	Houston, Montgomery, and Stewart	33rd	Shelby (in part)
11th	Hamilton (in part)	23rd	Williamson		
12th	Campbell, Fentress, Morgan, Pickett, Rhea, Roane, and Scott				





## House of Representatives

The lower house of Tennessee's bicameral legislature is called the House of Representatives. One representative is elected from each of the 99 House districts (see map on page 140).

Representatives are elected to two-year terms, with all representatives standing for election at the same time. This is consistent with the practice in all other states except for Alabama, Louisiana, Maryland, and Mississippi, which allow representatives to serve four-year terms.

The qualifications for election to the House are set forth in the Tennessee Constitution which states, "No person shall be a representative unless he shall be a citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years, and shall have been a citizen of this state for three years, and a resident in the county he represents one year, immediately preceding the election." This residency requirement is practically universal; only New York has no such prerequisite.

During the organizational session of the House, a speaker and a speaker pro tempore are elected.

The House of Representatives has non-lawmaking powers that are distinct from the Senate's authority.

The House has the sole power to start impeachment proceedings against public officials, who then are brought before the Senate for trial. In this event, the House elects three of its own members to prosecute the case before the Senate.

After the general election, the House is the sole judge of the qualifications of its members and may determine its own rules of proceedings. The House, like the Senate, is free to adopt resolutions regarding virtually any issue concerning the state, country, or world community.

## House Leadership

The speaker of the House is the presiding officer of the House. Additionally, the speaker is second in line for succession to the governorship in the event of such need. The speaker appoints members to all House committees, unless directed otherwise by the House, and must give consideration to the abilities, preferences, party representation, and seniority of the members. The chairperson and vice chairperson of each committee and the chair of each subcommittee are also chosen by the speaker and must be given the same considerations in their appointment. The speaker is a voting member of all standing committees of the House, as is the speaker pro tempore. However, if both are seated in a committee meeting, only the speaker of the House may exercise the right to vote, unless deferring to the speaker pro tempore. The speaker serves as co-chairperson of the Joint Legislative Services Committee and must approve, in concurrence with the speaker of the Senate, the directors of the offices of Legislative Information Services, Legal Services, Legislative Administration, and Legislative Budget Analysis. The speaker is a member of several special committees, including the Fiscal Review Committee, the Council on Pensions and Insurance, and the State Building Commission. The speaker has important administrative responsibilities during the formal sessions of the General Assembly. The speaker signs all acts, proceedings, or

orders of the House and is in charge of all facilities, professional and clerical staffs, custodians, and security personnel of the House.

After the election of the speaker, the members of the Tennessee House of Representatives elect a representative to serve as speaker pro tempore for two years during the organizational session of the General Assembly. The speaker pro tempore acts during the absence of the speaker of the House, but the speaker has a right to name any member to perform the duties of the chair for a period not to exceed one legislative day. The speaker pro tempore is a voting member of all committees of the House. In the event of an interim vacancy or a disability of the speaker, the speaker pro tempore conducts the necessary business of the House until an election can be held in the House to fill the vacancy.

The deputy speaker is appointed to a two-year term by the speaker of the House. The deputy speaker helps to schedule and guide the flow of legislation on the floor. He also assists the speaker in the administrative decisions in the House and serves as liaison with local and national legislatures.

Two leaders are chosen by their respective caucuses: one for the Republican Party and one for the Democratic Party. The leaders rally support of legislation in the House and work closely with the Senate leadership to develop political strategy. The leaders speak on important issues before the House and in meetings with both parties. These positions are elected for a two-year term during the organizational session of each caucus.

The House caucus chairs preside at House caucus meetings. Two chairs are chosen: one for the Republican Party and one for the Democratic Party. The caucus chairs attend leadership meetings of the House. It is the chairs' responsibility to see that all caucus meetings are conducted in a fair and orderly fashion. The caucus chairs work closely with party leaders and members in presenting a unified policy in legislative matters and determining party strategy on key public issues.







**Beth Harwell**  
*Speaker of the House*

## Beth Harwell

### Speaker of the House

**District:** 56

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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Three children; Ph.D., Vanderbilt University; B.A., David Lipscomb University.

**Community Service:** Speaker Harwell has been an active member of her community as a member of the Tennessee State Museum Foundation, the Douglas Henry State Museum Board, the Lipscomb University Advisory Council, the Montgomery Bell Academy Board of Directors, the National Foundation for Women Legislators, Mental Health America of Middle Tennessee, PearlPoint Cancer Support Board, and as an alumna of Leadership Nashville and Leadership Tennessee. She currently serves on the executive board of the Republican Legislative Campaign Committee and the Republican State Leadership Committee, and serves as the Co-Chair of the Right Women, Right Now initiative at the Republican State Leadership Committee. She is the President of the National Speakers Conference, and has previously served on the Board of Directors of Agape, the American Heart Association, the Exchange Club Family Center, the Centennial Medical Center, the Knowles Senior Citizens Center, and the Nashville Children's Theatre.

**Service in Public Office:** Speaker of the House of Representatives, 107th through 109th General Assemblies; Member: Calendar and Rules Committee.

**Awards and Honors:** Speaker Harwell has won numerous awards during her years of service, including the Harold Bradley Legislative Leadership Award, the American Cancer Society Legislative Leadership Award, the Champion for Children Award, the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce's "Champion of Commerce" Award, and the Junior League Legislator of the Year Award. Also, Speaker Harwell has always been a friend of small business and has twice been awarded the coveted "Guardian of Small Business Award" by the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB).

**Membership History:** 96th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Davidson.

**Religion:** Church of Christ.

## Staff For the Office of the Speaker

### Scott W. Gilmer

#### *Chief of Staff*

Born March 2, 1971, in Jackson, Tenn. Hometown: Lobelville, Tenn. Married: wife, Amber. Daughter, Adaline. Church of Christ; B.S., Communications and Political Science, University Scholar, University of Tennessee, Martin, 1993. M.P.P., Policy Development and Program Evaluation, Vanderbilt University, 1995. Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Board Member, Martha O'Bryan Center. Teaching and Research Assistant, Vanderbilt University, 1994-1997. Special Assistant for University Relations, Lipscomb University, 1997-1998. Director of Admissions, Lipscomb University, 1999-2002. Director of Transfer and International Recruiting, Lipscomb University, 2002-2007. Research and Policy Analyst, Tennessee House Republican Caucus, 2007-2011. Director of Policy and Research, Tennessee House of Representatives, 2011-2012. Appointed Chief of Staff by Speaker Beth Harwell in August 2012.



### Kara Owen

#### *Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications and Policy*

Born September 15, 1983 in Hendersonville, Tenn; Married: husband, Justin. Methodist; B.S., Mass Communication, Focus: Public Relations, Middle Tennessee State University, 2006. MTSU Alumni Board Member, June 2011-Present; Field Staff, Tennessee Republican Party, 2006. Campaign Assistant, Marsha Blackburn for Congress, 2006-2007; Press Secretary, House Republican Caucus, 2007-2011. Appointed Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications and Policy to Speaker Beth Harwell in February 2011.



### Joe McCord

#### *Chief Clerk of the House*

Born May 29, 1968 in Knoxville, Tenn. Married: wife, Jules. Children: daughter, Morgan; son, Clay; Episcopalian; B.A., University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1991; Member, Tennessee House of Representatives, 101st through 106th General Assemblies, represented District 8, Blount and Sevier counties; Member, House Conservation and Environment, House Commerce Committees; Member, American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries.



**Lisa Falkenbach**  
Executive Assistant



**Hayden Pendergrass**  
Policy and Research Analyst



**Kelly Kirby**  
Security



**Tammy Letzler**  
Assistant Chief Clerk



**Greg Glass**  
Chief Engrossing Clerk



**Victor Thompson**  
Chief Sergeant at Arms

## 109th General Assembly

### Officers of the House

**Beth Harwell**, Speaker  
**Curtis Johnson**, Speaker Pro Tempore  
**Steve McDaniel**, Deputy Speaker

#### Republican Caucus

**Gerald McCormick**, Majority Leader  
**Kevin Brooks**, Assistant Republican Leader  
**Sheila Butt**, Republican Floor Leader  
**Jerry Sexton**, Republican Assistant Floor Leader  
**Glen Casada**, Republican Caucus Chairman  
**Dennis Powers**, Republican Caucus Vice Chairman  
**Dawn White**, Republican Caucus Secretary  
**Tilman Goins**, Republican Caucus Treasurer  
**Jeremy Durham**, Republican Whip

#### Democratic Caucus

**Craig Fitzhugh**, Democratic Leader  
**Joe Towns**, Assistant Democratic Leader  
**Joe Armstrong**, Democratic Leader Pro Tempore  
**Mike Stewart**, Democratic Caucus Chairman  
**Antonio Parkinson**, Democratic Caucus Vice Chairman  
**Jason Powell**, Democratic Floor Leader  
**Harold Love, Jr.**, Democratic Caucus Secretary  
**Karen Camper**, Democratic Caucus Treasurer  
**JoAnne Favors**, Democratic Whip

### Standing Committees

**Agriculture and Natural Resources** – Chairman: Curtis Halford; Vice Chairman: Andy Holt; David Byrd; G.A. Hardaway; David Hawk; Bud Hulsey; Ron Lollar; Pat Marsh; Steve McDaniel; Debra Moody; Dennis Powers; Jay Reedy; Johnny Shaw; Art Swann; and John Mark Windle.

**Business and Utilities** – Chairman: Pat Marsh; Vice Chairman: Kent Calfee; Martin Daniel; Barry Doss; Kevin Dunlap; Brenda Gilmore; Tilman Goins; Marc Gravitt; Patsy Hazlewood; John

B. Holsclaw, Jr.; Harold M. Love, Jr.; Gerald McCormick; Jason Powell; Jay Reedy; Jerry Sexton; Mike Sparks; Art Swann; and Tim Wirgau.

**Calendar and Rules** – Chairman: Bill Dunn; Vice Chairman: Timothy Hill; Harry Brooks; Kevin Brooks; Glen Casada; Jimmy Eldridge; Jeremy Faison; Craig Fitzhugh; John Forgety; Curtis Halford; Beth Harwell; Curtis Johnson; William Lamberth; Harold M. Love, Jr.; Jon Lundberg; Pat Marsh; Jimmy Matlock; Gerald McCormick; Steve McManus; Antonio Parkinson; Bob Ramsey; Charles Sargent; Mike Stewart; Cameron Sexton; Jerry Sexton; and Tim Wirgau.

**Civil Justice** – Chairman: Jon Lundberg; Vice Chairman: Mike Carter; Bill Beck; Jim Coley; Martin Daniel; John Forgety; Sherry Jones; Courtney Rogers; and Leigh Wilburn.

**Consumer and Human Resources** – Chairman: Jimmy Eldridge; Vice Chairman: Mark Pody; Glen Casada; G.A. Hardaway; Susan Lynn; Bo Mitchell; Bryan Terry; Ron Travis; Johnnie Turner; Mark White; and Rick Womick.

**Criminal Justice** – Chairman: William Lamberth; Vice Chairman: Micah Van Huss; Raumesh Akbari; Sheila Butt; Andrew Farmer; Tilman Goins; Antonio Parkinson; Mike Stewart; and Terri Lynn Weaver.

**Education Administration and Planning** – Chairman: Harry Brooks; Vice Chairman: Debra Moody; Kevin Brooks; Kent Calfee; Jim Coley; John DeBerry; Kevin Dunlap; Craig Fitzhugh; Eddie Smith; Johnnie Turner; Dawn White; Mark White; and Rick Womick.

**Education Instruction and Programs** – Chairman: John Forgety; Vice Chairman: Billy Spivey; Raumesh Akbari; Harry Brooks; Sheila Butt; David Byrd; Bill Dunn; Roger Kane; Sabi Kumar; Ron Lollar; Harold M. Love, Jr.; Joe Pitts; Joe Towns, Jr.; and Ryan Williams.

**Finance, Ways and Means** – Chairman: Charles Sargent; Vice Chairman: David Alexander; Joe Armstrong; Kevin Brooks; Karen Camper; Mike Carter; Barbara Cooper; Bill Dunn; Craig Fitzhugh; Brenda Gilmore; Mike Harrison; David Hawk; Ryan Haynes; Patsy Hazlewood; Matthew Hill; Curtis Johnson; Susan Lynn; Gerald McCormick; Steve McDaniel; Steve McManus; Larry Miller; Bo Mitchell; and Curry Todd.

**Government Operations** – Chairman: Jeremy Faison; Vice Chairman: John Ragan; Glen Casada; John Ray Clemmons; Craig Fitzhugh; Curtis Halford; Dan Howell; Curtis Johnson; Gerald McCormick; and Mike Stewart.

**Health** – Chairman: Cameron Sexton; Vice Chairman: Barry Doss; John Ray Clemmons; John J. Deberry, Jr.; Jeremy Faison; JoAnne Favors; Mike Harrison; Matthew Hill; John B. Holsclaw, Jr.; Darren Jernigan; Sherry Jones; Sabi Kumar; Mary Littleton; Judd Matheny; Bob Ramsey; Bryan Terry; Leigh Wilburn; and Ryan Williams.

**Insurance and Banking** – Chairman: Steve McManus; Vice Chairman: Ron Travis; Glen Casada; Jeremy Durham; Andrew Farmer; JoAnne Favors; Timothy Hill; Curtis Johnson; Roger Kane; Kelly Keisling; Jon Lundberg; Judd Matheny; Jimmy Matlock; Joe Pitts; Mark Pody; Dennis Powers; Charles Sargent; David Shepard; Mike Stewart; and Joe Towns, Jr.

**Local Government** – Chairman: Tim Wirgau; Vice Chairman: Mike Sparks; Dale Carr; Jimmy Eldridge; Marc Gravitt; Andy Holt; Dan Howell; Larry Miller; Antonio Parkinson; Cameron Sexton; David Shepard; Billy Spivey; and Micah Van Huss.

**State Government** – Chairman: Bob Ramsey; Vice Chairman: Mary Littleton; Jeremy Durham; Ryan Haynes; Bud Hulsey; Darren Jernigan; William Lamberth; Jason Powell; Bill Sanderson; Johnny Shaw; and Curry Todd.

**Transportation** – Chairman: Jimmy Matlock; Vice Chairman: Courtney Rogers; David Alexander; Joe Armstrong; Bill Beck; Karen Camper; Dale Carr; Barbara Cooper; Timothy Hill;

Kelly Keisling; John Ragan; Bill Sanderson; Jerry Sexton; Eddie Smith; Terri Lynn Weaver; Dawn White; and John Mark Windle.

### Select Committees

**Ethics** – Chairman: Steve McDaniel; Kevin Brooks; Karen Camper; Mike Carter; John Forgety; Ryan Haynes; Antonio Parkinson; Joe Pitts; David Shepard; and Mike Stewart.

**Rules** – Chairman: Steve McDaniel; David Alexander; Karen Camper; Glen Casada; JoAnne Favors; Craig Fitzhugh; Matthew Hill; Curtis Johnson; Jon Lundberg; Gerald McCormick; Charles Sargent; Mike Stewart; and Mark White.



# Curtis Johnson

## Speaker Pro Tempore

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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican



**Personal Information:** Wife, Marsha; three sons; four grandchildren; Clarksville High School; B.B.A., Austin Peay State University; Tennessee School of Banking.

**Community Service:** Past president, Association of the U.S. Army, TN/KY Chapter; past president, Austin Peay Alumni Association; past president, Clarksville Shrine Club; former president, Austin Peay Governor’s Club; Clarksville City Council, 1994-2002 (Mayor Pro Tem, 1996-1997); Leadership Clarksville alumnus.

**Service in Public Office:** Speaker Pro Tempore, two terms; Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Government Operations Committee; Insurance and Banking Committee; Insurance and Banking Subcommittee; Judiciary and Government Joint Subcommittee of Government Operations; Capitol Commission; and Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Joint Subcommittee of Government Operations; Interim Chairman, Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** Clarksville Jaycees Boss of the Year; Department of Army Commanders Award for Public Service, 2011, 2014, and 2015; 2014 National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies Legislator of the Year; 2014 Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry “Tennessee Champion of Commerce” Award; 2014 Legislator of the Year, Greater Nashville Regional Council.

**Membership History:** 104th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Montgomery.

**Religion:** First Presbyterian.

# Steve K. McDaniel

## Deputy Speaker

**District:** 72

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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** B.S., University of Memphis.

**Community Service:** Chairman: Douglas Henry State Museum Commission; Advisory Board Member: Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association; Historian: Parkers Crossroads Battlefield Association; Member: Chester, Decatur, Henderson and Perry County Chambers of Commerce; Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission; Civil War Trust; American Legislative Exchange Council, Tourism Association of Southwest Tennessee.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: House Ethics Committee; Chairman: House Rules Committee; Member: Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Joint Pensions and Insurance Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee; Information Systems Council.

**Membership History:** 96th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Chester, Decatur, Henderson, and Perry.

**Religion:** Church of Christ.





# Gerald McCormick

## Majority Leader

**District: 26**

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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican



**Personal Information:** Married; two daughters; graduate, University of Tennessee (Knoxville) and Germantown High School; United States Army veteran, Operation Desert Storm.

**Community Service:** Kappa Alpha Order; Board Member: Chattanooga Convention and Visitors Bureau; Member: Harrison and East Hamilton County Ruritan; former Chattanooga/Hamilton County Planning Commissioner; past Vice Chairman and Finance Chairman: Hamilton County Republican Party; past President: Pachyderm Club; VFW; American Legion; Farm Bureau; Life Member, National Rifle Association.

**Service in Public Office:** Majority Leader; Member: Business and Utilities Committee; Calendar and Rules Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Government Operations Committee; Joint Government Operations Judiciary and Government Subcommittee; Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee; and Tennessee Capitol Commission.

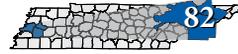
**Membership History:** 104th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Hamilton.

**Religion:** Methodist.

## Craig Fitzhugh

### Democratic Leader



**District:** 82

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Banker/Lawyer

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**Marital Status:**

Married

**Political Party:**

Democrat

**Personal Information:** Wife, Pam; two children, Elizabeth (Chaz Molder) and Tom (Windy); two grandchildren, Marley and Hugh Molder; B.S., Finance, University of Tennessee, 1972; J.D., University of Tennessee, 1975; Deacon, First Baptist Church; Captain, U.S. Air Force JAG; Major, U.S. Air Force Reserve (Retired).

**Community Service:** Chamber of Commerce; Rotary International; Ducks Unlimited; Boy Scouts; past Chairman: Tennessee Bankers Association; Tennessee Bar Association; Douglas Henry State Museum Commission; Tennessee Technology Development Corporation; Union University Trustee; University of Tennessee Alumni Association; Board Member: Launch Tennessee; Ripley Downtown Development Corporation; Dyersburg State Community College Foundation Board.

**Service in Public Office:** Democratic Leader; Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Government Operations Committee; Education Administration and Planning Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee; Joint Government Operations Education, Health and General Welfare Subcommittee; Joint Government Operations Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittee; and Joint Pensions and Insurance Committee.

**Awards and Honors:** Jaycees' Outstanding Young Man; FOP Man of the Year; Junior Auxiliary Person of the Year; Tennessee Bar Foundation Fellow; TSSAA Sportsman Award; Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year; Tennessee Mental Health Consumers' Association Legislator of the Year; Memphis Area Association of Governments and Northwest Development District Association Legislator of the Year; Tennessee Development District Association Legislator of the Year; Women's Political Collaborative's Good Guy Award; Tennessee Association of Conservation Districts Legislator of the Year.

**Membership History:** 99th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Crockett, Haywood, and Lauderdale.

**Religion:** Baptist.





## Glen Casada Republican Caucus Chairman

**District: 63**

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<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican



**Personal Information:** Four children, three grandchildren; B.S., Agriculture and Education, Western Kentucky University.

**Community Service:** Williamson County Chamber of Commerce; Franklin Noon Rotary; Community Housing Partnership for Williamson County; Board of Directors: Brightstone.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; Consumer and Human Resources Committee; Government Operations Committee; Insurance and Banking Committee; Consumer and Human Resources Subcommittee; Joint Operations Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittee; and Joint Operations Education, Health and General Welfare Subcommittee; Williamson County Commission, 1994-2001.

**Membership History:** 102nd through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Williamson.

**Religion:** Brentwood Baptist Church.

## Mike Stewart

### Democratic Caucus Chairman



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Attorney

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**Birth Date:**

1/30/1965

**Marital Status:**

Married

**Political Party:**

Democrat

**Personal Information:** Three children; J.D., University of Tennessee College of Law; B.A., History, University of Pennsylvania.

**Community Service:** Past President: Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association; past Member: Davidson County Emergency Communications District Board.

**Service in Public Office:** Democratic Caucus Chairman; Member: Criminal Justice Committee; Ethics Committee; Government Operations Committee; Insurance and Banking Committee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Rules Committee; and Joint Government Operations Judiciary and Government Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** Veteran: Operation Desert Storm; U.S. Eighth Army Distinguished Leader Award; Tennessee Young Democrats Shining Star Award; Legislative Friends Award and Good Green Deeds Award, Tennessee Conservation Voters; selected by State Legislative Leaders Foundation to attend Emerging Leaders Program at Darden School, University of Virginia; selected as a NewDEAL Leader, NewDEAL Network.

**Membership History:** 106th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Davidson.

**Religion:** Methodist.



## House Members

Political makeup of the House of Representatives of the 109th General Assembly, at the time of publication, is 73 Republicans (63 men and 10 women) and 26 Democrats (19 men and 7 women).

Photographs and biographical sketches of the House members of the 109th General Assembly appear on these pages.

Representative Ryan Haynes resigned May 27, 2015 to serve as the Chairman of the Tennessee Republican Party. See page 94.

Representative Jason Zachary was appointed by the Knox County Commission on August 12, 2015 to fill the District 14 House seat formerly held by Ryan Haynes. On September 29, 2015, Zachary won the special election for the seat. See page 139.



### Raumesh Akbari

**District: 91**

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<b>Political Party:</b>	Democrat

**Personal Information:** B.A., Washington University in Saint Louis; J.D., St. Louis University School of Law.

**Community Service:** State Leader: Women in Government; Vice Chair: Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators; Co-Chair: Committee on Children, Youth and Families, National Black Caucus of State Legislators; Democratic Party of Shelby County; Shelby County Young Democrats; Democratic Women of Shelby County; MIFA Meals on Wheels, Memphis, Tennessee; Voter Registration and Community Organization, Memphis, Tennessee; Mt. Carmel and Hollywood Cemetery Clean-Up Initiative; American Bar Association; Ben F Jones Chapter, National Bar Association; Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity; NAACP; Memphis Urban League of Young Professionals.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Criminal Justice Committee; Education Instruction and Programs Committee; and Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** 2014 Spark Award, National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women; The *Memphis Flyer's* 2014 "20 Under 30" Award; The Council of State Governments-Henry Toll Fellow 2015.

**Membership History:** 108th through 109th General Assemblies.

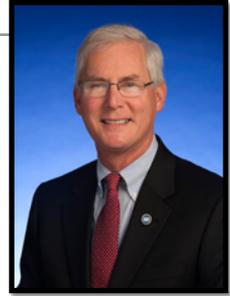
**Counties Represented:** Part of Shelby.

**Religion:** Baptist.

## David Alexander

**District:** 39

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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Three children; B.A., English, Mississippi College.

**Community Service:** Lions Club; National Rifle Association; Winchester Downtown Program Corporation; American Rental Association.

**Service in Public Office:** Vice Chairman: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Member: Transportation Committee; Joint Pensions and Insurance Committee; and Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee.

**Membership History:** 107th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Moore and parts of Franklin and Marion.

**Religion:** Presbyterian.



## Joe Armstrong

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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Democrat

**Personal Information:** B.S., Business Administration, University of Tennessee, 1981.

**Community Service:** Board Member: East Tennessee Broadcasting; Knoxville Community Action Committee; University of Tennessee Alumni Association; Member: National Action Network; Optimist Club; Tennessee Association of Broadcasters; Lifetime Member, Beck Cultural Exchange Center; Boys and Girls Club; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; NAACP; Men's Health Network; First Tee Golf Program; First AME Zion Church Trustee and Usher; State Legislators for Healthcare Reform; MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge-CC Russell Lodge #262.

**Service in Public Office:** Past President: National Black Caucus of State Legislators; Member: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Transportation Committee; and Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee; Knox County Commissioner, 1982-1988 (Vice Chairman, 1986-1988); Democratic Executive Committeeman; National Conference of State Legislatures; Council of State Governments.

**Awards and Honors:** Legislator of the Year Award, 2014, National Black Caucus of State Legislators, Corporate Round Table; MLK Distinguished Award Recipient, 2013, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission; Crystal Gavel Award, 2012, National Black Caucus of State Legislators; Omega Man of the Year, 2012, Omega Psi Phi Incorporated, Iota Alpha Chapter; Outstanding Legislative Leadership Award, 2012, Tennessee Men's Health Network; Good Guy Award, 2010, Tennessee Women's Caucus; Legislator of the Year Award, 2006 and 2008, Tennessee Men's Health Network; Legislator of the Year Award, 2006, National Black Caucus of State Legislators; Health Disparities Leadership Award, 2005, National Black Caucus and National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators; Legislator of the Year Award, 2005, Tennessee Men's Health Network; Hardest Working Volunteer Award, 2004, Tom Joyner Foundation; Humanitarian Award, 2004, National Conference for Community and Justice; Legislative Champion Award, 2004, AARP; Legislator of the Year Award, 2003, National Alliance on Mental Illness; Nathaniel Brayboy Humanitarian Award, 2003, Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, Tennessee State Association; Legislator of the Year Award, 2003, Tennessee Association of Human Resource Agencies; Legislator of the Year Award, 2002-2003, County Officials Association of Tennessee; Appreciation Award, 2002, Tennessee Reflexologist Association.

**Membership History:** 96th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Knox.

**Religion:** Methodist.

# Bill Beck

**District: 51**  
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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Democrat

**Personal Information:** Married, one daughter. Graduated from University School of Nashville; B.S. from Belmont University in Business Administration; J.D. from Nashville School of Law.

**Community Service:** Member: Nashville Bar Association; Kiwanis Club of Madison; Board of Directors: Allegro School of Music; Inglewood Homeowners Association; American Legion Post 82; Old Hickory Chamber of Commerce; Madison Chamber of Commerce; Discover Madison, Inc./Historic Amqui Train Station; and Historic East Nashville Merchants Association (HENMA); Ex-Officio Member: Central Business Improvement District; Gulch Business Improvement District.

**Service in Public Office:** Co-Chair: Freshman Caucus; Member: Civil Justice Committee; Transportation Committee; Civil Justice Subcommittee; and Veterans' Caucus.

**Awards and Honors:** Civil Engineering Air National Guard Recognition; FiftyForward Madison, "Best Problem Solver" award; The Beck Family Community Honoree, Amqui Station; Fellow of the Nashville Bar Association.

**Membership History:** 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Davidson.

**Religion:** Baptist.





## Harry Brooks

**District: 19**

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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Two children; graduate work, University of Tennessee at Knoxville; undergraduate work, Speech and Communication, Carson Newman College; Maryville High School.

**Community Service:** Knox County School Board, 1992-1996; Knox County Retirement and Pension Board, 1987-1995; American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS); North East Knox Preservation Association; East Knox Business and Professional Association; Knoxville Civitan; Powell Business and Professional Association; Knox County Republican Clubs; Past Advisory Board for Millertown Group Home; Past Member: Chamber of Commerce; United Way Allocations; Gideon's International; National Rifle Association; Deacon, Board Member: Union Baptist Church, Sunday School Teacher; Hall's Business and Professional Association; Carson Newman University Board of Trustees.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Education Administration and Planning Committee; Member: Calendar Committee; Education Instruction and Programs Committee, and Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** 2015 Harold Bradley Legislative Leadership Award (TICUA); 2014 TN Organization of School Superintendents (TOSS) Legislative Leadership Award; 2012 Golden Apple Award, Tennessee Chapter National Coalition for Public School Options; 2012 Distinguished Alumni, Maryville City Schools; 2011 Friend of Foreign Service from the Republic of Taiwan; 2008 Sigrid Stewart Legislator of the Year Award, Tennessee PTA; 2007 Legislative Award from the ARC; 2004 Legislator of the Year, Knoxville Firefighters.

**Membership History:** 103rd through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Knox.

**Religion:** Baptist/Union Baptist Church.

## Kevin D. Brooks

### District: 24

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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Two children; B.A., Lee University of Cleveland, Tennessee.

**Community Service:** 2015 State Board of Directors, Habitat for Humanity; Tennessee Hospitality Association Member; Rejuvenate Advisory Board Member; Orlando Client Advisory Board Member; Nashville CVC Advisory Board Member; Certified IATA Travel Associate; Member: Main Street Cleveland, (former board member); past Cleveland City Planning Commissioner; former Chairman: Blue Ribbon Advisory Council, Cleveland City Schools; United Way of Bradley County, former Division Chair; Member: Rotary Club of Cleveland (former officer and board member); Paul Harris Fellow.

**Service in Public Office:** Assistant Majority Leader: 107th, 108th and 109th General Assemblies; former Vice Chairman: House Republican Caucus, 106th General Assembly; Member: House Calendar & Rules Committee; Education Administration and Planning Committee; Ethics Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; and Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee; Former member: House Committee on Children and Family Affairs; Vice Chairman: House Domestic Relations Subcommittee, 107th General Assembly; Chairman: Children and Family Affairs General Committee; Member: House Higher Education Subcommittee; Member: House Rules Committee, 106th General Assembly.

**Awards and Honors:** 2015 Legislative Champion Award, Autism Speaks; 2014 County Officials Outstanding Legislator of the Year; 2013 TICUA Harold Bradley Leadership Award for Excellence in Higher Education Policy; 2012 Tennessee Civil Air Patrol Legislative Squadron Member of the Year; 2012 Tennessee Civil Air Patrol Southeast Region Legislative Squadron Leader of the Year; 2011 Tennessee Civil Air Patrol, Commander of the Tennessee Wing Legislative Squadron, 107th General; 2011 TDDA Legislator of the Year; 2011 TNCO Legislator of the Year; 2011 Legislator of the Year, Southeast Tennessee Development District; 2010 TN SSAR National Society SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Award; 2009 Legislator of the Year, Rural Health Association; 2009 Legislative Officer of the Year, TN Wing Civil Air Patrol.

**Membership History:** 105th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Bradley.

**Religion:** Church of God.



## Sheila Butt

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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Three children; B.S., Cum Laude, East Tennessee State University.

**Community Service:** National Rifle Association; Tennessee Right to Life; Tennessee Firearms Association; Maury Chamber and Alliance; Spring Hill Chamber of Commerce; Maury County Right to Life; Fraternal Order of Police; Maury County Farm Bureau; Rotarian.

**Service in Public Office:** House Majority Floor Leader; Member: Criminal Justice Committee; Education Instruction and Programs Committee; and Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** Kay Battles Service Award, Horizons Program, Freed-Hardeman University; Golden Pen Award, Publishing Designs, Huntsville, Alabama; South Central Tennessee Development District Legislator of the Year Award, 2013; recipient of "Elected Women of Excellence" award by the National Foundation for Women Legislators, November 2013.

**Membership History:** 107th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Maury.

**Religion:** Church of Christ.

## David “Coach” Byrd

**District: 71**

P.O. Box 1138, 302 Michael Drive  
Waynesboro, TN 38485



<b>Occupation:</b>	Retired Principal, Teacher, and Coach
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<b>Birth Date:</b>	9/08/1957
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Son of Ormand and Geneva Byrd; wife, Sherry Lynn; four children: Shannon, Jon David, Mary, and Nicholas; two daughters-in-law: Kimberly and Jennifer; four grandchildren: Steven, Will, Shanna, and Conley; High School Diploma, Wayne County High School, 1975; Bachelor of Science, Freed-Hardeman University, 1980; Master of Education, Administration and Supervision, Tennessee State University, 1985.

**Community Service:** Member and Trustee: Highland United Methodist Church; President: Highland Cemetery Fund Inc.; TSSAA Coordinator for District 12A and Region 6A; Member: Wayne County Education Association; Tennessee Education Association; National Rifle Association; Tennessee Firearm Association; Waynesboro Rotary Club; and Wayne County Chamber of Commerce. Served eight years as Wayne County Commissioner.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Education Instruction and Programs Committee; and Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** 14 High School Girls State Basketball Appearances (five Elite Eight, four Final Fours, three Runner-ups, and two Championships); Inducted into the Freed-Hardeman University Sports Hall of Fame in 2002 for success in the coaching field; 2008-09 TSSAA AF Bridges Principal of the Year; 2011 NFHS South Section Coach of the Year (Girls Basketball); 2011 Finalist for NFHS National Coach of the Year; ten-time District 12A Coach of the Year; six-time Class A Mid-State Coach of the Year; 2001 and 2011 *Times Daily* Coach of the Year; 2011 Tennessee Girls Basketball Coach of the Year; 2011 BCAT Class A Coach of the Year.

**Membership History:** 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Hardin, Lewis, Wayne, and part of Lawrence.

**Religion:** Methodist.



## Kent Calfee

**District:** 32

476 Dogwood Valley Road, Kingston, TN 37763

<b>Occupation:</b>	Farmer, Retired ORNL
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<b>Birth Date:</b>	5/15/1949
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Marilyn; four children; seven grandchildren; farmer; retired ORNL; attended East Tennessee State University.

**Community Service:** Life Member: NRA; Tennessee Army National Guard; American Legion Post 110; Roane County and Tennessee Cattlemen’s Associations; National Cattlemen’s Beef Association; Former Member: Roane County Soil Conservation District; Former Director: Area II Association of Conservation Districts; Board Member: Roane County Farm Bureau; Roane and Loudon County Chambers of Commerce; Roane County Forestry Association; Rockwood Civitan Club; Lenoir City Committee of 100; Board of Directors: Michael Dunn Center.

**Service in Public Office:** Vice Chairman: Business and Utilities Committee; Member: Business and Utilities Subcommittee; and Education Administration and Planning Committee; Republican Caucus Energy Task Force; Veterans Caucus; Rural Caucus; Prayer Caucus. Roane County Commissioner for 20 years.

**Membership History:** 108th and 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Most of Roane and part of Loudon.

**Religion:** Baptist.

## Karen D. Camper

### District: 87

5090 Millbranch Road, Suite 3C,  
Memphis, TN 38116



<b>Occupation:</b>	Business Owner
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<b>Birth Date:</b>	1/15/1958
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Divorced
<b>Political Party:</b>	Democrat

**Personal Information:** One child, Bruce, Jr.; Graduate, CSG Tolls Fellow Program, 2013; Graduate, State Legislative Leaders Foundation Emerging Leaders Program, UVA, 2010; Graduate, State Legislative Leaders Foundation Summit, SNU Zig Zigar Center for Ethical Leadership, 2009; Graduate, CSG Southern Legislative Conference Center of the Advancement of Leadership Skills, 2009; Graduate, State Legislative Leaders Foundation Harnessing the Power of Innovation, 2008; continuing education and seminars in Non-profit Planning, Board and Program Development; University of the State of New York, Albany, NY. Associate of Science; University of Tennessee at Knoxville; Graduate, Primary, Basic, and Advanced Leadership Development Courses, U.S. Army; Graduate, Basic, Operations, and Advance Management Courses, U.S. Army; U.S. Army Retired Chief Warrant Officer Three.

**Community Service:** Chairman: Region IV National Black Caucus of State Legislators; Shelby County Delegation; 2nd Vice President: National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women; Vice Chairman: Tennessee Economic Council on Women; Board Member: Memphis Branch, NAACP; Board Member: Women's Action for New Directions; Member: National Caucus of Environment Legislators; Former Junior Vice: VFW Post #11333; Charter Member: Women in Military Service for America; Life Member: NAACP; Life Member: Blacks In Government; Advisory Board: International Business Council.

**Service in Public Office:** Treasurer: Democratic Caucus; Member: Ethics Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Transportation Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee; Joint Pensions and Insurance Committee; and Rules Committee.

**Awards and Honors:** Civil: National Action Network, Outstanding Community Service Award; National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women Rising Star Award; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Drum Major Award"; Fort Meade Maryland Volunteer of the Year Award; Intelligence Security Command's 1st Runner up NAACP Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Keeping the Dream Alive" Award; Maryland Governor's Citation for Community Service (2); Maryland House of Delegates Citation; Anne Arundel County Executive Citation (2); Anne Arundel County Council Citation; Annapolis City Mayor's Certificate of Distinguished Citizenship; Anne Arundel County Superintendent of Schools Certificate of Recognition; 2014 Legislator of the Year, Junior League of Tennessee; Military: Meritorious Service Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Commendation Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Military Volunteer Medal; Military Intelligence Corps Association Knowlton 1776 Award.

**Membership History:** 105th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Shelby.

**Religion:** Baptist.



## Dale Carr

**District: 12**

2150 Murphys Chapel Drive  
Sevierville, TN 37876

**Occupation:** Realtor/Auctioneer  
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**Birth Date:** 8/04/1954  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**Political Party:** Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, JoAnn; son, Brandon, daughter-in-law, Jamie; granddaughter, Finley Grace; Sevier County High School class of 1972; TVA accounting school; Indiana University - CAI.

**Community Service:** Founding member and first treasurer, Boys and Girls Club of the Smoky Mountains; Sevier County High School Alumni Association; Sevierville City Council (two terms); Robert F. Thomas Foundation; Sevierville Housing Authority; Leadership Sevier; Sevierville Downtown Association.

**Service in Public Office:** Chair: Local Government Subcommittee, and Member: Local Government Committee and Transportation Committee.

**Awards and Honors:** Rotary Volunteer of the Year; Woodmen of the World Hometown Hero.

**Membership History:** 108th and 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Sevier.

**Religion:** Baptist.



## Mike Carter

**District: 29**

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Ooltawah, TN 37363

**Occupation:** Attorney/Businessman  
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**Marital Status:** Married  
**Political Party:** Republican

**Personal Information:** Ooltawah High School, 1971; Middle Tennessee State University, B.S., Pre-Law, 1975; University of Memphis, J.D., 1978; private law practice, 1978-1997; appointed to General Session Court bench in 1997; elected to same position, 1998; retired from the bench, 2005; assistant to chairman and director of Life Care Centers of America, Cleveland, Tenn., 2005-2007; special assistant to County Mayor Claude Ramsey, 2009-2011 when the mayor left to become Deputy Governor to Governor Bill Haslam; elected District 29 State Representative November 2012.

**Service in Public Office:** Vice-Chair: Civil Justice Committee; Member: Ethics Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; and Civil Justice Subcommittee.

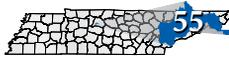
**Membership History:** 108th and 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Hamilton.

**Religion:** Baptist. Member, Ooltawah Baptist Church.

# John Ray Clemmons

**District:** 55  
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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Democrat

Legislative Branch

**Personal Information:** Wife, Tamara; children: John, Finn, and Henry; Education: University of Memphis School of Law, J.D. (2006); Columbia University, Columbia College, B.A., History (1999); Lebanon High School, Honors (1995).

**Community Service:** Nashville MTA nMotion2015 Transit Master Plan (Member of Oversight Committee, 2015-Present); Belmont-Hillsboro Neighbors, Inc. (President, 2012-2013; Steering Committee Member, 2009-Present); Boys and Girls Cub of Middle Tennessee's Nashville Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) Program (Chairman of RBI Advisory Board, 2014-Present); Friends of Sevier Park, Inc. (Member of Board of Directors, 2013-Present); Volunteer Lawyers and Professionals for the Arts - Arts and Business Council of Greater Nashville (Pro Bono Attorney, 2009-Present); Waverly-Belmont Elementary School PTO (Member, 2015-Present); Columbia Alumni Association of Nashville (Co-President, 2013-2014, Member, 2009-Present); Metropolitan Board of Fair Commissioners (Commissioner, 2012-2014); Nashville RBI, Inc. (Chairman of Board of Directors, 2011-2014; Member, 2009-2014); Tennessee Civil Service Commission (Commissioner, 2009-2012); Tennessee Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers (Consumer Member, 2008); Nashville Bar Association (2007-Present); Tennessee Bar Association (2007-Present); Columbia University Alumni Representative Committee (Member, 2000-Present).

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Government Operations Committee; Health Committee; Health Subcommittee; Joint Government Operations Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittee; Joint Government Operations Education, Health and General Welfare Subcommittee; and Joint Government Operations Judiciary and Government Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** Rising Star, Business Litigation, 2014 Mid-South Super Lawyers.

**Membership History:** 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Davidson.

**Religion:** Christian and Jewish family.



## Jim Coley

**District: 97**

2498 Kenwood Lane, Bartlett, TN 38134

<b>Occupation:</b>	Teacher, Bolton High School
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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Married to Paula Coley; two children, Erin and Evan; B.A. with Honors, Memphis State University; M.A.T., University of Memphis.

**Community Service:** Co-founder: Friends of the Orpheum and of Bartlett/Northeast Republican Club; Sponsor: Memphis Bridges; Shelby County Education Association.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Civil Justice Subcommittee; Member: Civil Justice Committee; and Education Administration and Planning Committee; Member: Legislative Arts Caucus; Member: Shelby County Delegation.

**Awards and Honors:** Lincoln Award, Shelby County Republican Party; Grassroots Award, Shelby County Republican Party; two-time Rotarian nominee, Teacher of the Year; Central China Normal University; Recipient: Fulbright-Hayes Study Abroad Grant for 2008, Hubei University.

**Membership History:** 105th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Shelby.

**Religion:** Church of Christ.

## Barbara Ward Cooper

### District: 86

668 Birthstone Avenue, Memphis, TN 38109



**Occupation:** Retired Educator, Community Relations Specialist and Parent Coordinator

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**Marital Status:** Widow

**Political Party:** Democrat

**Personal Information:** Married, Captain John Cooper (deceased), City of Memphis Fire Department; Three Children; Graduate, Manassas High School, Memphis; Tennessee State University (TSU), B.S. and Master of Education; Doctorate of Religious Doctrine and Counseling, Jacksonville Seminary.

**Community Service:** Shelby County Democratic Party; Shelby County Democratic Legislative Chair; Education Leadership Commission; Shelby County Democratic Women; Social Action Committee (St. Augustine Church); Universal African American People's Organization(UAAPPO) Co-Convener; National Council of Negro Women, NAACP; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Tennessee State University Alumni Association; Memphis Downtown Commission; Gemstone Neighborhood Association; "COPPER Speaks" Publication; Founder, Cooper/Jones Initiative, Economic and Community Development Black Wall Street Conference, 2015; COPPER (Coalition for Organizational Protection of People and Equal Rights), Initiated 1st and 2nd Annual March on Washington, A Philip Randolph Award Program, 2014-2015.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Transportation Committee and Transportation Subcommittee; Tennessee Black Caucus State Legislators (TBCSL) Chair; Government Operations Vice Chair; Education Subcommittee Chair; Shelby County Delegation; Shelby County Democratic Legislative Caucus, Chair.

**Awards and Honors:** 2011 Legislator of the Year, Memphis Area Association of Governments, Tennessee Area Development District Association; Chairlady Emeritus, Honorary Member, Manassas High School, GQ/PVL Clubs; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (AKA), Extraordinary Leadership, AKA Day on the Hill; TSU, Appreciation, Dedicated Service Pioneer Black Firefighters, Inc.; NOBEL(National Organization Black Elected Legislators) Shining Star; Citizens for Better Service; Public Service Dr. Raymond Winbush Award; NUAFL (National Union of American Families) Outstanding Leadership; Honorary Member, Shelby Forest Community; Equal Opportunity Group, Inc. Project Save-a-Student Award; HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) Wellness Award, LeMoyné College; AFL/CIO Leadership Award; Honored by Women of Distinction, AFL-CIO International Award Community Service, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Membership History:** 100th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Shelby.

**Religion:** Catholic.



## Martin Daniel

**District: 18**

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**Occupation:** Majority Owner, General Manager and General Counsel to Elevation Outdoor Advertising, LLC

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**Birth Date:** 12/17/1956

**Marital Status:** Married

**Political Party:** Republican

**Personal Information:** Married; two children. B.S., General Business, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, 1980; M.B.A., University of Tennessee-Knoxville, 1982; Juris Doctor (with Highest Honors), University of Memphis, 1985. Admitted to Practice Law: The Tennessee Supreme Court, The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, U.S. District Courts (Eastern and Western Districts of Tennessee).

**Community Service:** President: Defeat Duchenne, Inc.; Member: Tennessee Bar Association; Knoxville Bar Association; Knoxville Chamber of Commerce (Transportation and Infrastructure Committee); Morristown Chamber of Commerce (Legislative Relations Committee); National Federation of Independent Business; Rotary Club of Knoxville; Introduction Knoxville, 2012; United States Squash Association; American Homebrewers Association; Legislative Advocate for Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy; West Knox Republican Party, Fountain City/North Knoxville Republican Club.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Business and Utilities Committee; Business and Utilities Subcommittee; and Civil Justice Committee.

**Membership History:** 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Knox County.

**Religion:** Christian.

## John J. DeBerry, Jr.

### District: 90

1207 Sledge Street, Memphis, TN 38104



**Occupation:** Marketing, Advertising and Public Relations Executive  
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**Birth Date:** 2/05/1951  
**Marital Status:** Widowed  
**Political Party:** Democrat

**Personal Information:** Married: Georgia DeBerry (deceased) Two children, Chevida and Victoria; Graduate: Freed-Hardeman University and University of Memphis.

**Community Service:** NAACP; Boy Scouts of America; Operation Weed and Seed; Chairman: Memphis Alcohol Committee; Junior Achievement; Regional Manager: YFU International Youth Exchange; Counselor: Bethany Homes; Chairman: DMC Task Force; Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth; Board of Trustees: Freed-Hardeman University; Memphis Shelby County Crime Commission; Chairman: Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators (106th General Assembly).

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Health Committee; Education Administration and Planning Committee; Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee; ALEC- Education Committee; CSG- Executive Committee; Governor's Task Force on Sentencing and Recidivism; SCORE; and Three Branches Institute.

**Membership History:** 99th through 109th General Assemblies.

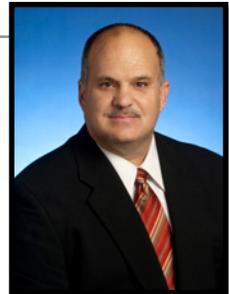
**Counties Represented:** Part of Shelby.

**Religion:** Church of Christ.

## Barry Jay Doss

### District: 70

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**Birth Date:** 3/26/1962  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**Political Party:** Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Shirley; children: Michael (deceased), Tray, Tyler, and McKenzie; graduate, Lawrence County High School, 1980; B.S., University of Tennessee at Knoxville, 1985.

**Community Service:** President and past Member: Lions Club; Member: National Rifle Association; and Economic Development Board; Lawrence County Commissioner, 1988-2002.

**Service in Public Office:** Vice Chairman: Health Committee; Member: Business and Utilities Committee; and Health Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Hall of Fame. South Central Tennessee Development District 2014 Legislator of the Year.

**Membership History:** 108th and 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Giles and most of Lawrence.

**Religion:** Baptist.



## Kevin Dunlap

**District: 43**

268 Hermitage Hill Lane, Rock Island, TN 38581

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<b>Birth Date:</b>	5/03/1978
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Democrat

**Personal Information:** Wife, Laura; three sons, Jackson, Brooks, and Wilson; Sunday School Teacher and Deacon at Central Church of Christ, McMinnville; Warren County High School; B.A., Whittle Scholar, major in political science with honors, minor in business administration, magna cum laude, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, 2000; M.S., secondary education, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, 2002.

**Community Service:** Midway Community Vice President; Youth League Coach; Rotary Interact Club Faculty Advisor; Warren County Bicentennial Committee; Motlow College Foundation Board of Trustees; Tennessee Cattlemen's Association; Warren County Farm Bureau; Warren County Education Association; Tennessee Education Association.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Business and Utilities Committee; Education Administration and Planning Committee; and Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** Warren County Middle School Teacher of the Year, 2006-2007; McMinnville Jaycees Young Teacher Award, 2010; Warren County Board of Education Teacher of the Year, 2012; Eastside Elementary Alumni Hall of Fame, 2015.

**Membership History:** 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Grundy, White, and part of Warren.

**Religion:** Church of Christ.



## Bill Dunn

**District: 16**

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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Five children: Daniel, Katie, Elizabeth, Rachel, and Michael; daughter-in-law, Mary Amber; son-in-law Zac Hargett; Qual Pro; B.S., Animal Science; M.S., Extension Education, University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

**Community Service:** Halls Business and Professional Association; Fountain City Business and Professional Association; Powell Business and Professional Association; Tennessee Right to Life; Fountain City, Powell and Halls Republican clubs.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Calendar and Rules Committee; Member: Education Instruction and Programs Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; and Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** 2008 Conservative of the Year; East Tennessee Extension Agent of the Year; Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year; Tennessee Conservative Union's Legislator of the Year.

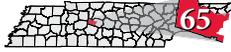
**Membership History:** 99th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Knox.

**Religion:** Catholic.

## Jeremy Durham

**District: 65**  
802 Founders Pointe Boulevard  
Franklin, TN 37064



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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Married to Dr. Jessica Durham.

**Community Service:** Franklin Noon Rotary; Fairview Lions Club; Westhaven Men’s Fellowship; Williamson County Bar Association.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Insurance and Banking Committee; State Government Committee; and Insurance and Banking Subcommittee.

**Membership History:** 108th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Williamson.

**Religion:** Baptist.



## Jimmy Eldridge

**District:** 73

29 Emerald Lake Drive, Jackson, TN 38305

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<b>Birth Date:</b>	4/01/1948
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Two children; B.S., Chemistry and Biology, Lambuth University.

**Community Service:** Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity; Jackson Rotary Club; Pinson Ruritan Club; Chairman: Madison County Republican Party, 1998-2000; Board of Directors: Jackson Symphony; Advisory Board of Directors: BancorpSouth; The Chamber, Jackson; Madison County Farm Bureau; National Rifle Association; former Chairman of the Board: Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Partner in Education: Jackson-Madison County School System; National Association of Sportsmen Legislators; American Legislative Exchange Council; Madison County Commissioner (served on eight committees and chaired Insurance Committee, 1998-2003); National Council of State Legislators (NCSL); Member: NCSL Labor and Economic Development Committee.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Consumer and Human Resources Committee; Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; Local Government Committee; Consumer and Human Resources Subcommittee; Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation; and West Tennessee River Basin Authority.

**Awards and Honors:** Paul Harris Fellow; 2005 Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Development District Association; 2007 Jo Helen Imani Award, Jackson Affordable Housing; 2009 United Way Legislator of the Year; 2011 Man of the Year, Tennessee Men's Health Network; 2014 Champion of Commerce Award, Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry; 2014 105.3 The Dove Award; 2013, 2014, and 2015 Legislator of the Year, Southwest Tennessee Development District; 2014 and 2015 Outstanding Legislative Leadership Award, Tennessee Men's Health Network.

**Membership History:** 103rd through 109th General Assemblies.

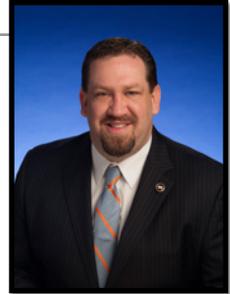
**Counties Represented:** Part of Madison.

**Religion:** Evangelical Christian.

# Jeremy Faison

**District: 11**

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<b>Occupation:</b>	Small Business Owner
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<b>Birth Date:</b>	9/14/1976
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Five children.

**Community Service:** Past President: Cocke County Republicans; Board Member: Douglas Coop. Inc.; Cocke County Chamber of Commerce; Worship Leader: Crossroads Community Church; National Rifle Association; National Federation of Independent Business; Tennessee Right to Life; Tennessee Bear Hunters Association; Brushy Mountain Bear Club.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Government Operations Committee; Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; Health Committee; Joint Fiscal Review Committee; and Health Subcommittee; Environment Committee, National Conference of State Legislatures; Redistricting Committee; Board Member: Mountain View Youth Development Center Citizen's Involvement Council Committee.

**Awards and Honors:** 2013 Legislator of the Year Award, East Tennessee Development District; 2012 Public Servant Award, Tennessee Bear Hunters Association.

**Membership History:** 107th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Cocke and parts of Greene and Jefferson.

**Religion:** Christian.

Legislative Branch



## Andrew Farmer

**District:** 17

121 Court Avenue, Sevierville, TN 37862

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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Mariah; two children; B.B.A., East Tennessee State University, Business Administration/Marketing; J.D., Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Lansing, Michigan.

**Community Service:** Member: First Baptist Church, Sevierville, Tennessee; former Board of Directors: Smoky Mountain Area Rescue Ministry; National Rifle Association; Tennessee Bar Association; Knoxville Bar Association; Sevier County Bar Association; National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; Member: Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce; Member: Sevierville Chamber of Commerce.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Member: Criminal Justice Committee; and Insurance and Banking Committee.

**Awards and Honors:** 2013 Tennessee Bar Association President's Award; Top 100 Attorneys under the Age of 40; voted #1, Mountain Press Reader's Choice Awards, 2012 and 2014.

**Membership History:** 108th and 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Parts of Jefferson and Sevier.

**Religion:** Baptist.

# JoAnne H. Favors

**District: 28**

2441 Meade Circle, Chattanooga, TN 37406



Legislative Branch

**Occupation:** Retired Health Administrator and Associate Professor of Nursing

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**Marital Status:** Widow

**Political Party:** Democrat

**Personal Information:** Four children: Marva, Kimberly, Randy, and Karen; six grandchildren; RN, M.S., Nursing Administration and Adult Health; B.S.N.; A.S.N.

**Community Service:** Gamma Theta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.; Tennessee and American Nurses Associations; Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nurses; Co-Founder: Southside family reunion; Daughters of Elks Temple #364; Unity Group, PUSH; Women in Government; Women's Economic Development Council; Hamilton County Democratic Women's Club; Howard High School Alumni Association; National Coalition of 100 Black Women; Navigator for ACA; Life Member: NAACP; Founder: Tennessee Intergenerational Political Network (TIPNET); National Black Caucus of State Legislators; National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women.

**Service in Public Office:** Democratic Caucus Whip; Member: Health Committee; Insurance and Banking Committee; Health Subcommittee; Select Committee on Rules; Hamilton County Commission, 1998-2005; Trustee: Erlanger Health System, 1997-1999.

**Awards and Honors:** Whitney Young Distinguished Service Award, Urban League; Outstanding Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Nurses Association; Pioneer Women of the Year, 100 Black Women; Mary Walker Historical Association Award; Southside Reunion Distinguished Service Award; Southside and Dodson Avenue Community Health Centers Distinguished Service Award; William V. Corr Award for Leadership, Tennessee Primary Care Network; Nurse of the Year, District Four, Tennessee Nurses Association; Citizen of the Year, Excelsior Grand Chapter O.E.S.; Sounds of Unity Heritage Distinguished Service Award; Unbought, Unbossed Award, Girls, Inc.

**Membership History:** 104th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Hamilton.

**Religion:** Baptist, Olivet Baptist Church.



## Dr. John Forgety

**District: 23**

120 County Road 447, Athens, TN 37303

<b>Occupation:</b>	Retired Educator and National Guardsman
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<b>Birth Date:</b>	3/28/1946
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Two children; B.S., M.A., Ed.S., and Ed.D.

**Community Service:** President: Athens Kiwanis Club; CEO: International MooFest.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Education Committee; Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; Civil Justice Committee; Ethics Committee; and Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee; Superintendent of Schools: McMinn County, 1992-2008; retired Tennessee Army National Guard.

**Awards and Honors:** Tennessee Superintendent of the Year, 2007; Athens, Tennessee, Chamber Man of the Year, 2008; awarded Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, and Tennessee National Guard Distinguished Service Medal for Service in Operation Iraqi Freedom III.

**Membership History:** 107th through 109th General Assemblies.

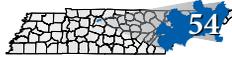
**Counties Represented:** McMinn and part of Monroe.

**Religion:** Baptist.

## Brenda Gilmore

### District: 54

3009 Vista Valley Court, Nashville, TN 37218



<b>Occupation:</b>	Retired Director at Vanderbilt University
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<b>Birth Date:</b>	12/09/1952
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Democrat

**Personal Information:** One child; one grandchild; B.S., Business, Tennessee State University, 1984; Master's Degree, Human Resource Development, Vanderbilt University, 1988; Graduate: Tennessee Government Executive Institute, Leadership Vanderbilt, and Leadership Nashville.

**Community Service:** Former president, C.A.B.L.E.; Chairman, Nominating Committee: League of Women Voters; Nashville Women Political Caucus; Women in the Numbers (WIN); Lifetime Member: NAACP; Tennessee State University Alumni Association; President: National Hook-Up of Black Women; Member: Music City Chapter of Links; Top Ladies of Distinction; Tennessee State Coordinator of Social Action: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Member: Regional Social Action; President: Minerva Foundation Board; Senior Expo, 2003-2004; former Advisory Board Member: Junior League; former President and Chairman, Strategic Planning and Leadership Committees: Senior Citizens, Inc.; Board Member: YMCA; former Trustee: Belmont University; Chairman, capital campaign: Northwest YMCA; Member and Advisory Board: Fifty Forward Foundation.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Business and Utilities Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Joint Fiscal Review Committee; and Business and Utilities Subcommittee; Nashville Metro Council, 1999-2003 (re-elected August 2003); former Chairman: Davidson County Delegation, 2010-2012; Co-chairman: STEM, 2012-present; Chairman: Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators.

**Awards and Honors:** Numerous awards including being inducted into the YWCA Academy for Women of Achievement; Harriet Foley Volunteer Award; YMCA Volunteer of the Year; Thurgood Marshall Community Award; Advocacy Award, Metro Human Relations Commission. Nationally: President Elect, Women's Network, NCSL; Executive Board Member and Chair of Housing: NBCSL; Executive Board Member: NCEL.

**Membership History:** 105th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Davidson.

**Religion:** Member, Mt. Zion Baptist Church.



## Tilman Goins

**District: 10**

536 Valley View Drive, Morristown, TN 37813

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner  
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**Birth Date:** 4/10/1977  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**Political Party:** Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Lenka Goins; son, Tilman Goins III; A.S., History and Geography, Walters State Community College; B.S., History, East Tennessee State University; B.A., International Affairs, East Tennessee State University; Veteran, United States Marine Corps; Veteran, United States Army; Member: Mensa; Life Member: Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Business and Utilities Committee; Criminal Justice Committee; and Criminal Justice Subcommittee; former Hamblen County Commissioner.

**Membership History:** 108th and 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Hamblen.

**Religion:** Christian.



## Marc Gravitt

**District: 30**

1511 South Smith Street, 30, East Ridge, TN, 37412

**Occupation:** Real Estate Broker, Auctioneer  
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**Office Phone:** 615-741-1934  
**Birth Date:** 10/13/1966  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**Political Party:** Republican

**Personal Information:** Attended Chattanooga State Community College; Vice Mayor: East Ridge, 2014-2016; East Ridge City Councilman, 2012-2014; UT – MTAS Elected Officials Academy; U.S. Army Veteran.

**Community Service:** Former President: Tennessee Auctioneers Association; Member: National Auctioneers Association; American Society of Appraisers; Life Member: National Rifle Association; Life Member: Veterans of Foreign Wars; Member: American Legion, Hamilton County; Republican Party, Hamilton County; Pachyderm Club; and Certified Auctioneers Institute.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Business and Utilities Committee; Local Government Committee; and Business and Utilities Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** 2014 Chattanooga Area Friends of the NRA Volunteer of the Year; Certified Auctioneers Institute at Indiana University.

**Membership History:** 108th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Hamilton.

**Religion:** Methodist.

## Curtis Halford

**District:** 79

127 Old Dyer Trenton Road, Dyer, TN 38330



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<b>Birth Date:</b>	3/27/1943
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Charlotte; two children, Lori and Brad; five grandchildren: Kate, Charlotte, Noah, Jeremiah and Titus; graduate, Kenton, Tenn., High School, class of 1961; graduate, Newbern Area Vocational Technical School of Drafting, Draughon’s Business College; Veteran of the United States Air Force Reserve.

**Community Service:** Veteran of the United States Air Force Reserve; board member, Carey Counseling Center’s peer support group; member: Gibson County Planning Commission, Gibson County Chamber of Commerce, and National Rifle Association.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; and Joint Operations Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittee; Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; Government Operations Committee; Joint Operations Education, Health and General Welfare Subcommittee; and Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; former Gibson County Commissioner; Chairman: Emergency Medical Service and Public Safety committees; National Conference of State Legislators Environment Standing Committee; Gibson County Planning Commission.

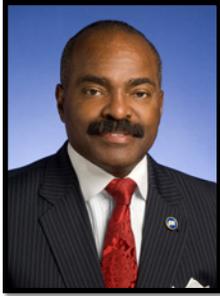
**Awards and Honors:** Northwest Tennessee Development District Legislator of the Year, 2011 and 2015. Tennessee Veterinarian’s Association Legislator of the Year, 2015.

**Membership History:** 106th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Gibson and part of Carroll.

**Religion:** Cumberland Presbyterian.

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## G.A. Hardaway

**District: 93**

1243 Worthington Street, Memphis, TN 38114

<b>Occupation:</b>	Real Estate Investor
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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Divorced
<b>Political Party:</b>	Democrat

**Personal Information:** Three children; B.S., Finance, DePaul University.

**Community Service:** Board of Directors: Africa in April Festival and Black Family Channel; Al-Kadosh Shrine Temple; Black Business Association; CBU Black Alumni Association; CBU Oliver Thornton Scholarship Fund; Herndon #10 Masonic Lodge; Founder/Visionary, Chairman, Board of Advisors, Vice Chairman, Board of Governors: Memphis Academy of Health Sciences (MAHS); NAACP; Rosa Parks Academy; Parkway Gardens Presbyterian Church; Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Political Director: Rainbow PUSH Coalition; Save LibertyLand Organization; Shelby County Juvenile Court Advisory Council; New Sardis Baptist Church; Shelby County Democratic Women; Shelby County Debt Collaborative; DADS/DADS Against Discrimination; charter member, Juvenile Court Advisory Council; National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Memphis; Men of Excellence.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Consumer and Human Resources Committee; Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Joint Operations Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittee; and Joint Operations Education, Health and General Welfare Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** Middle College High School Appreciation Award, 2011; *Tri-State Defender* Newspaper "Men of Excellence" Vision, Leadership and Achievement Award, 2009; National Coalition of 100 Black Women Inc. Community Service Award, 2010; MYPAC Appreciation Award; Rozelle-Annesdale Association Outstanding Service Award, 2007; Shelby County Juvenile Court Special Recognition Award, 2006; Hanley Elementary School Service Award, 2008; National Coalition of 100 Black Women Inc. Appreciation Award, 2009; National Coalition of 100 Black Women Inc. Appreciation Award, 2007.

**Membership History:** 105th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Shelby.

**Religion:** Baptist.

## Mike Harrison

### District: 9

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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican



**Personal Information:** Three children; one grandchild; Walters State Community College; East Tennessee State University.

**Community Service:** Northeast Community Services, Sneedville; Hancock Community Partners; Rural Health Associates of Tennessee; Northeast Regional Health Council.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee; Member: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Health Committee; and Joint Pensions and Insurance Committee; former Hancock County Executive; Sessions Judge: Hancock County.

**Membership History:** 103rd through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Hancock and Hawkins.

**Religion:** Baptist.

## David Hawk

### District: 5

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<b>Occupation:</b>	Businessman
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<b>Birth Date:</b>	6/21
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican



**Personal Information:** Daughters, Lily and Kaitlyn; attended Tusculum College; graduate, East Tennessee State University with Honors, degree in Marketing; Harvard University.

**Community Service:** Kiwanis of Greeneville and Erwin; Unicoi County Chamber of Commerce; Greene County Partnership; Main Street: Greeneville; Little Theatre of Greeneville, Inc.; Greeneville Parks and Recreation Department youth baseball coach; Greene County Republican Party.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; and Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** 2014 Voice of Recovery Award; 2014 Courage in Legislation Award, Tennessee Sheriffs' Association; 2013 Conservative Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Wildlife Federation; 2012 Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers Legislator of the Year; 2009 NAMI Tennessee Legislator of the Year; 2008 First Tennessee Development District Legislator of the Year; 2008 George Clem Multi-Cultural Association Award; 2008 American Council of Young Political Leaders Delegate to China; 2007 Greene County Heritage Trust Award of Merit.

**Membership History:** 103rd through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Greene.

**Religion:** Lutheran.



## Ryan A. Haynes

**District: 14**

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<b>Birth Date:</b>	5/08/1985
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Single
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** B.A., Magna Cum Laude, University of Tennessee at Knoxville; Juris Doctorate, Nashville School of Law.

**Community Service:** Chairman: Knox County Legislative Delegation; Member: East Tennessee Development District; East Tennessee Historical Society; Introduction Knoxville; Knox Achieves; Knoxville Civitan Club; NRA; Tennessee Alumni Association; American Council of Young Political Leaders; UT Political Science Advisory Board; West Knox Republican Club; Mental Health Association of East Tennessee; Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee; Read With Me; Red Cross Development Council; Epilepsy Foundation of East Tennessee, Board of Directors; .

**Service in Public Office:** 109th General Assembly: Member: Ethics Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; State Government Committee; Advisory Committee on Open Government; and Finance Subcommittee; 108th General Assembly: Chairman: State Government Committee; Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; Civil Justice Committee; and State Government Subcommittee; Member: Mental Health Statewide Planning and Policy Council; Information Systems Council; Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR); Speaker's Designee and Ex Officio Member, Fiscal Review Committee; 107th General Assembly: Secretary, State and Local Government Committee; Vice Chairman, General Subcommittee of State and Local Government; Commerce Committee; Calendar and Rules Committee; General Subcommittee of Commerce; Joint Corrections Oversight Committee; Joint Fiscal Review Committee; Ad Hoc Lottery Stabilization Committee; State and Local Government Bill Review Committee; Council for Insurance and Pensions; Information Systems Council; Area Redistricting Leader; Vice Chairman, House Republican Caucus; Caucus Campaign Committee; Arts Caucus and Freshmen Coordinator; 106th General Assembly: House Education Committee; State and Local Government Committee; Higher Education Subcommittee; State and Local Government Subcommittee; Republican Budget and Economic Development Task Force.

**Awards and Honors:** Champion of Commerce Award, Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry for 108th General Assembly; Tennessee Development District Association Legislator of the Year Award, 107th General Assembly; Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers, Distinguished Service Award – Legislator of the Year, 106th General Assembly.

**Membership History:** 106th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Knox.

**Religion:** Baptist.

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## Patsy Hazlewood

### District: 27

19 Northfield Road, Signal Mountain, TN 37377



**Occupation:** Director of CapitalMark Bank & Trust. Retired AT&T  
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**Office Phone:** 615-741-2746  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**Political Party:** Republican

**Personal Information:** One son, three stepdaughters, two grandsons, three step-grandsons, and two step-granddaughters. B.S., Mathematics and Physics, Middle Tennessee State University.

**Community Service:** Elder and Trustee: Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church; past President: Downtown Chattanooga Rotary Club; Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce; Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga; Board of Bible in the Schools; Chattanooga Better Business Bureau; Junior Achievement; Greater Chattanooga Sports Committee; Urban League; Member: Board of Finley Stadium; Board of Friends of the Festival.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Business and Utilities Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; and Business and Utilities Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** 1999 Chattanooga Area Manager of the Year. 2002 Chattanooga Philanthropist of the Year. 2005 Better Business Bureau Honoree. 2005 Junior League Service Award. 2012 Tennessee Woman of Distinction.

**Membership History:** 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Hamilton.

**Religion:** Presbyterian.

## Matthew Hill

### District: 7

P.O. Box 322, Jonesborough, TN 37659



**Occupation:** Broadcaster  
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**Birth Date:** 12/04  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**Political Party:** Republican

**Personal Information:** A.S., Northeast State Community College; B.S., East Tennessee State University.

**Community Service:** National Rifle Association; Washington County Republican Party; National Federation of Independent Business.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Health Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Rules Committee; and Health Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** Friend of the Taxpayer Award; "Celebrating Freedom" Service Award; "30 Under 30" recipient, *Business Tennessee Magazine*.

**Membership History:** 104th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Washington.

**Religion:** Christian.



## Timothy Hill

**District: 3**

P.O. Box 3071, Blountville, TN 37617

<b>Occupation:</b>	Small Business Owner
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<b>Birth Date:</b>	11/09/1981
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** B.S.S., Public Relations, East Tennessee State University.

**Community Service:** Mountain Trail Riders Association; Sullivan County Republican Party; Johnson County Republican Party; Carter County Republican Party; CMT/Abate; National Rifle Association.

**Service in Public Office:** Vice Chairman: Calendar and Rules Committee; Member: Insurance and Banking Committee; Transportation Committee; and Transportation Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** *Tri-Cities Business Journal* "40 Under 40".

**Membership History:** 108th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Johnson, and parts of Carter and Sullivan.

**Religion:** Christian.



## John B. Holsclaw, Jr.

**District: 4**

2175 Dave Buck Rd, Johnson City, TN 37601

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<b>Birth Date:</b>	5/24/1963
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Sheralyn; children: Taylor, Kaeli, Dana, Hannah, and Holly; Graduated Cum Laude, East Tennessee State University, 1992; Owner of the Jeweler's Bench; Successfully made custom jewelry for over 15 years.

**Community Service:** Member: Carter County Chamber of Commerce; Member: Carter County Republicans; Member: Carter County Hunting and Fishing Club; Member: NRA; and Unicoi Kiwanis Club.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Business and Utilities Committee; Health Committee; and Business and Utilities Subcommittee.

**Membership History:** 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Unicoi and part of Carter.

**Religion:** Church of Christ.

## Andy Holt

### District: 76

461 Jewell Store Road, Dresden, TN 38225



**Occupation:** Farmer, Businessman, Adjunct Instructor of Business, Government & Economics - Bethel University

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**Birth Date:** 12/22

**Marital Status:** Married

**Political Party:** Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Ellie; five children: Josie, Andrew Jr., Libby, Martha Ann and Sammy; M.B.A., University of Tennessee-Martin, 2007; B.S., Agricultural Economics and Business, minor, Animal Science, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, 2004; Graduate: South-Doyle High School, Knoxville, 2000.

**Community Service:** Carroll, Obion, and Weakley County Chambers of Commerce; Carroll, Obion and Weakley County Republican Parties; Member of Tennessee Farm Bureau and Tennessee Young Farmers and Ranchers; Tennessee Agritourism Association; Tennessee Pork Producers Association; Tennessee Cattlemen's Association; Past Treasurer of Dresden Rotary Club; The Heritage Foundation; National FFA Alumni Association; Tennessee Right to Life; National Rifle Association; Beta Gamma Sigma-International Business Studies Society; NFIB.

**Service in Public Office:** Vice Chairman: Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Member: Local Government Committee; Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Chairman: Ag Day on the Hill Committee; Weakley County Commissioner.

**Awards and Honors:** Honorary State FFA Degree Recipient, 2014; Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance Legislative Leader, 2013; Tennessee Cattlemen's Association Legislator of the Year, 2013; Vance Publishing "40 Under Forty Award" for Agriculture, 2013; American Farm Bureau Federation's Excellence in Agriculture National Winner, 2012.

**Membership History:** 107th, 108th and 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Weakley, and portions of Carroll & Obion Counties.

**Religion:** Baptist - Member/Deacon at Long Heights Baptist, McKenzie, TN.



## Dan Howell

**District: 22**

252 Chestoe Trail NW, Georgetown, TN 37336

**Occupation:** Retired  
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**Marital Status:** Married  
**Political Party:** Republican

**Personal Information:** Married, Beverlee Spurling Howell; five children; seven grandchildren; Graduate, Radio Engineering Institute, Kansas City, MO; attended Lee University, Cleveland, Tennessee.

**Community Service:** Member: Sons of the American Revolution, Colonel Benjamin Cleveland Chapter, Cleveland, Tennessee; Member: Westside Ruritan Club, Bradley County, Tennessee; Member and Board of Directors, Executive Committee: Bradley/Cleveland Chamber of Commerce; past Member and Board of Directors: American Red Cross, Hiwassee chapter.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Government Operations Committee; Local Government Committee; Local Government Subcommittee; Joint Government Operations Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittee; Joint Government Operations Education, Health and General Welfare Subcommittee; and Joint Government Operations Judiciary and Government Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** 2012 Excellence in Communication Award; Cleveland Media Association Past Winner; National Award, Religious Newswriting for Television News, National Religious Newswriters Association.

**Membership History:** 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Meigs, Polk, and part of Bradley.

**Religion:** First Baptist Church, Cleveland, Tennessee.



## Bud Hulse

**District: 2**

P.O. Box 282, Kingsport, TN 37662

**Occupation:** Owner, Burlington Logistics, Inc  
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**Birth Date:** 1949  
**Political Party:** Republican

**Personal Information:** Graduate, Bob Jones University; post-graduate work through University of Virginia via FBI National Academy; recently retired after 36 years at Kingsport Police Department, the last 25 of which were as a Watch Commander.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; State Government Committee; and State Government Subcommittee.

**Membership History:** 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Sullivan.

**Religion:** Christian.

# Darren Jernigan

**District: 60**  
4837 Rainer Drive, Old Hickory, TN 37138



**Occupation:** Director of Government Affairs, Permobil, Inc.  
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**Office Phone:** 615-741-6959  
**Birth Date:** 12/07/1969  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**Political Party:** Democrat

**Personal Information:** Married to Michelle Morse Jernigan; four children: Harris, Elise, Amanda, and Claire; M.C.J., Middle Tennessee State University; B.S., Austin Peay State University; Nashville/Davidson County Metro Council, 2007-2014; Commissioner: Old Hickory Utility District, 2001-2006.

**Community Service:** Board Member: Belmont University Occupational Therapy Board; Tennessee ALS Board Member; Old Hickory Veterans Memorial Park; Andrew Jackson Foundation; Friends of Two Rivers Mansion; Donelson/Hermitage Chamber of Commerce; Member: Leadership Donelson/Hermitage; Old Hickory Masonic Lodge; Shriner, Al Menah Temple; Tennessee Disability Coalition.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Health Committee; State Government Committee; and State Government Subcommittee.

**Membership History:** 108th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Davidson.

**Religion:** Hermitage Church of the Nazarene.



## Sherry Jones

**District: 59**

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Nashville, TN 37243

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615-741-2035

**Marital Status:**

Single

**Political Party:**

Democrat

**Personal Information:** Children: Ricky and Summer; grandchildren: Bailey, Aidan, Isabella, and Parker.

**Community Service:** Chairman: Domestic Violence State Coordinating Council; Advisor: Exchange Club; Davidson County Democratic Women; Founding Member: Advocates for Women's and Kids' Equality; Volunteer: CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate); Member: Committee on Mental Health Housing Solutions; Rescue and Restore Coalition on Human Trafficking; Public School volunteer; PTO/PTA Member.

**Service in Public Office:** Democratic Minority Whip; Member: Civil Justice Committee; Health Committee; and Civil Justice Subcommittee; Chair: Davidson County Delegation; Domestic Relations; Select Committee on Children and Youth; Vice Chair: Select Committee on Children and Youth; Member: Children and Family Committee; Consumer and Employee Affairs; State and Local Government; Local Government; Chair: Consumer Affairs; Member: Metropolitan Nashville Planning Commission; Metropolitan Nashville Council; Board Member and Chair: Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Advisor: Exchange Club; Member: Vanderbilt Kennedy Community Advisory Council.

**Awards and Honors:** Legislator of the Year Namesake Award, Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence Leadership Award; United Way Leadership Award, Mid Cumberland Council on Children and Youth; Hope Award from the Tennessee Youth Advisory Council; CPIT Award, Tennessee Child Advocacy Centers; E Award, Tennessee Women's Economic Council; Nominee, Athena Award; Leadership Award, Metro Nashville Mental Health Court; Leadership Award, Tennessee State Employees; Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association Outstanding Leadership Award; Tennessee AFL-CIO Leadership Award; Tennessee Citizen Action Leadership Award; Tennessee March of Dimes Leadership Award; Leadership Award, Vanderbilt University Family and Children's Services; Tennessee Podiatric Medical Association Legislator of the Year Award; Tennessee Firefighters Legislator of the Year; Metro Nashville Firefighters Legislator of the Year; Senior Citizens Leadership Award; Tennessee Alarm Association Legislator of the Year; Outstanding Legislator, Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Tennessee Development District Association Leadership Award; AARP Legislative Leadership Award; Tennessee Association of Social Workers Leadership Award; Family and Children's Services Leadership Award; Association of Retarded Citizens Outstanding Leadership Award; Boys and Girls Club Leadership Award; Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic Violence Outstanding Legislator; Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth Leadership Award; Kinship Champion Award; Tennessee Department of Children's Services; Tennessee Conservation Voters Award.

**Membership History:** 99th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Davidson.

**Religion:** Christian.

# Roger Kane

**District: 89**

7031 Cherry Grove Road, Knoxville, TN 37931



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<b>Birth Date:</b>	11/28
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Married; four children.

**Community Service:** Knoxville Chamber of Commerce; NFIB; Member: NRA; Tennessee Right to Life; Board Member: Karns Volunteer Fire Department; Tennessee College of Applied Technology.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Education Subcommittee; Member: Education Committee; and Insurance and Banking Committee.

**Awards and Honors:** President: Karns Business Association; President for 10 years: Karns Fair Board.

**Membership History:** 108th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Knox County.

**Religion:** Baptist.



## Kelly T. Keisling

**District: 38**

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Byrdstown, TN 38549

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<b>Birth Date:</b>	3/16/1951
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife: Janet; Three Children: Jamie, John, and Karissa; Seven Grandchildren; One Great Grandchild; Attended Belmont University, 1969-1971; Alumnus, University of Tennessee’s Newly Elected Tennessee Legislators Program, 2011.

**Community Service:** Member: Macon, Clay, Pickett, Scott and Fentress Counties Chambers of Commerce; Member, Board of Directors, Children’s Center of the Cumberlands; Member: National Rifle Association; Member: CMT/ABATE (Concerned Motorcyclists of Tennessee/American Bikers Active Toward Education); Member: TSEA (Tennessee State Employees Association); Life Member: OOIDA (Owner Operators Independent Drivers Association); Member: PIA (Professional Insurance Agents of Tennessee); Member: Insurors of Tennessee; Member: NFIB (National Federation of Independent Business); Member: ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council); Member: Vision 20/20 (Macon County).

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Insurance and Banking subcommittee; Member: Insurance and Banking Standing Committee; and Transportation Standing Committee; Member: House Energy Task Force Committee; Member: Board of Directors, Access Tennessee; Pickett County Executive, 1994-1998; Past Member: Leadership Byrdstown/Pickett County.

**Awards and Honors:** “Legislator of the Year,” Upper Cumberland Development District, 2012 and 2013; 2012 “Legislator of the Year,” East Tennessee Development District; Commissioned, “Kentucky Colonel,” 2014; 2014 “Legislator of the Year,” Rural Health Association of Tennessee; 2014 Legislator of the Year, East Tennessee Development District.

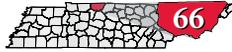
**Membership History:** 107th and 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Macon, Clay, Pickett, Scott, and part of Fentress.

**Religion:** Southern Baptist.

## Sabi “Doc” Kumar

**District: 66**  
2923 Old South 431, Springfield, TN 37172



<b>Occupation:</b>	Surgeon
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<b>Birth Date:</b>	7/14
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

Legislative Branch

**Personal Information:** Married, Linda Kumar; one daughter, Nina Kumar.

**Community Service:** Founder and President: Nashville Surgical Instruments, Springfield, Tennessee; Member: Robertson County Republican Party; Fellow: American College of Surgeons; Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery: Vanderbilt University School of Medicine; Member: Tennessee Medical Association; Fellow: Southeastern Surgical Congress; Attending Surgeon: NorthCrest Medical Center, Springfield, Tennessee; past Member: Rotary International; Member and Sunday School Teacher: First United Methodist Church, Springfield, Tennessee.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Education Committee; Health Committee; and Health Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** Citizenship Award: Daughters of The American Revolution; past Chief of Staff and Chief of Surgery: NorthCrest Medical Center; past Member: Board of Trustees, NorthCrest Medical Center; Board of Trustees: Middle Tennessee YMCA, Springfield, Tennessee; Three United States Patents: 1: A Surgical Skin Staple; 2: A Method and Device for Cholangiography (Kumar Clamp and Kumar Catheter); 3: A Method and Device for Mesh Fixation (Kumar T-Anchors).

**Membership History:** 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Robertson.

**Religion:** Methodist.



## William Gary Lamberth II

**District: 44**

1002 Angus Court, Cottontown, TN 37048

<b>Occupation:</b>	Attorney
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<b>Office Email:</b>	rep.william.lamberth@capitol.tn.gov
<b>Office Phone:</b>	615-741-1980
<b>Birth Date:</b>	12/05/1977
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Married; two children, ages 6 and 3; J.D., College of William and Mary; Bachelor of Arts, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Portland High School graduate; Assistant District Attorney, Sumner County, 2005-2012.

**Community Service:** Former President: Gallatin Rotary Club; former Treasurer: Republican Party of Sumner County; former President: Sumner County Bar Association; Chairman: Portland Community Education Foundation; Cumberland Crisis Pregnancy Center (donor and table host); Middle Tennessee Mission Outreach (donor and Honduras team member); Board Member: Children are People; Member: Portland, Westmoreland, Gallatin, and Hendersonville Chambers of Commerce.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Criminal Justice Committee; Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; State Government Committee; and Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** 2009-2010 Rotarian of the Year; 2015 Sumner County Impact Award, *Nashville Business Journal*; 2015 Legislative Award, Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police.

**Membership History:** 108th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Sumner County.

**Religion:** Baptist.



## Mary Littleton

**District: 78**

104 Steven Nicks Drive, Dickson, TN 37055

<b>Occupation:</b>	Business Owner
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<b>Office Phone:</b>	615-741-7477
<b>Birth Date:</b>	9/07/1957
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Four children and four grandchildren.

**Community Service:** 23rd District Judicial Child Advocacy Board; Dickson County Cancer Board; Dickson County Habitat for Humanity; Dickson Relay for Life; Dickson County Zoning and Planning Board; Member: Cheatham County Chamber of Commerce; Dickson County Chamber of Commerce; Dickson High Noon Rotary; NRA Cheatham County Community Foundation; Safe Haven Cheatham County.

**Service in Public Office:** Vice-Chairman: State Government Committee; Member: Health Committee; and State Government Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** Tennessee GOP State Executive Committee for 25th District; 2001 Statesman of the Year; Vice Chairman: Tennessee GOP.

**Membership History:** 108th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Cheatham and part of Dickson.

**Religion:** Church of Christ.

## Ron Lollar

### District: 99

7559 Olivia Hill Drive, Bartlett, TN 38133



<b>Occupation:</b>	Manager
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<b>Birth Date:</b>	8/13/1948
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Brenda; three children: Kelly, Shelby, and Matthew; charter member and deacon, Faith Baptist Church; Member, Gideon International; B.S., Austin Peay State University, 1975; Associate Degree, Jackson State Community College, 1973; U.S. Marine Corps, 1967-1971; Sgt., Ceremonial White House Guard; Army National Guard (E-7), 1980-1982.

**Community Service:** Shelby County School Board, District 2, three terms; Representative: Tennessee Legislative Network; Chairman: Tennessee Legislative Network, 2006; Chairman Elect: Tennessee Legislative Network, 2005; Board of Directors: TSBA, 2006; selected as Tennessee Legislative Network Board Member, Tennessee School Board Association, 2001-2002 and 2005; Member: All Tennessee School Board, Tennessee School Board Association, 2004; Panel Moderator: Tennessee State School Board Association. Active participant in all policy and upgrading changes of the Shelby County Schools System and in Nashville to lobby for legislation pertinent to all interests in Shelby County schools. Charter Member: Arlington Kiwanis Club, 2005; President: Future Farmers of America; President: Student Body Association, Jackson State, 1973; President: Student Government Association, Austin Peay, 1975; various university committees; Judicial Curriculum Alumni; F&AM Masonic Lodge, Park Avenue 362; Memphis Jaycees.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Member: Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; and Education Instruction and Programs Committee.

**Awards and Honors:** Memphis Jaycees, Jaycees Outstanding Young Men of America, 1978; Clarksville Civitan Award, 1975; Tennessee Outstanding Student Legislator; Intercollegiate State Legislature, 1974 and 1975; Who's Who Among Junior Colleges; honorary lifetime membership, State PTA; Level V Boardmanship Award, Tennessee State School Board Association; Military Awards: Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry; Navy Commendation Medal W/V; Combat Action Ribbon; Navy Unit Citation; Meritorious Unit Citation; Good Conduct Medal; Vietnamese Service Medal; and Vietnamese Campaign Medal; recipient, Carlisle Award.

**Membership History:** 105th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Shelby.

**Religion:** Baptist, Deacon of Faith Baptist Church.



## Harold Moses Love, Jr.

**District: 58**

2516 Buchanan Street, Nashville, TN 37208

**Occupation:** Presiding Elder of the South Nashville District of the A.M.E. Church

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**Office Phone:** 615-741-3831

**Birth Date:** 12/14/1972

**Marital Status:** Single

**Political Party:** Democrat

**Personal Information:** Parents: the Late Rep. Harold M. Love, Sr. and Mary Y. Love; sisters: Chrystal, Candyce, Cheryl, and Caralyn; graduate, Whites Creek High School, 1990; graduate, Tennessee State University, 1994 with a degree in economics and finance and a minor in political science; graduate, Vanderbilt University School of Divinity in 1998 with a Master's Degree in Theological Studies. Currently is pursuing a PhD in Public Administration at Tennessee State University.

**Community Service:** Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; 33rd Degree Mason; Hella Temple #105 Shriner; member of the Board of Trustees for the Tennessee State University Foundation, and the 18th Avenue Family Enrichment Center.

**Service in Public Office:** Democratic Caucus Secretary; Chairman: Davidson County Delegation; Member: Business and Utilities Committee; Calendar and Rules Committee; Education Instruction and Programs Committee; and Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. "Mighty Rho Psi" Chapter Founder's Award, 1993.

**Membership History:** 108th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Davidson.

**Religion:** African Methodist Episcopal Church.

# Jon C. Lundberg

**District: 1**

212 Skyline Drive, Bristol, TN 37620



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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

Legislative Branch

**Personal Information:** Children: Samantha and Nelson; Education: Bachelor’s Degree in Communications, University of Southern Colorado; Graduate School, Wichita State University.

**Community Service:** Captain: U.S. Navy Reserve; Bristol Rotary Club; Kingsport Chamber of Commerce; Bristol Chamber of Commerce; Tusculum College President’s Advisory Board; King College President’s Roundtable; Thomas Green Lecture Series; Advisory Board: Neff Center for Science and Technology; Rocky Mount Living History Museum; past President: Tri-Cities Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America; National Federation of Independent Business Owners; Sullivan County Republican Party; American Legislative Exchange Council; United States Naval Institute; Naval Reserve Association; Reserve Officer’s Association; 32nd Degree Mason; National Council of State Legislators; Lifetime Member: National Rifle Association; Bloomingdale Ruritan; National Network of Legislators in the Military.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Civil Justice Committee; Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; Insurance and Banking Committee; and Civil Justice Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** Multiple Awards from the Public Relations Society of America; AAA Legislator of the Year; AMVETS Legislative Silver Bayonet Award; National Federation of Business, Guardian of Freedom; Humane Society Legislator of the Year (twice); County Officials Association, Outstanding Representative; American Academy of Pediatrics Tennessee Chapter, Legislator of the Year; First Tennessee Development District, Legislator of the Year; Tennessee Chamber of Commerce, Tennessee Champion of Commerce.

**Membership History:** 105th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Sullivan.

**Religion:** Presbyterian.



### Susan Lynn

District: 57

388 Green Harbor Road, Old Hickory, TN 37138

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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Married; two children; four grandchildren.

**Community Service:** Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce; Wilson County Republican Party; Republican Women of Mt. Juliet; American Legislative Exchange Council; Heartland Institute Advisory Board.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Consumer and Human Resources Subcommittee. Member: Consumer and Human Resources Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; and Joint Fiscal Review Committee.

**Awards and Honors:** 2014 Legislator of the Year GNRC; CIED Task Force Chairman: American Legislative Exchange Council, 2006-2010; 2010 Eagle Forum; 2008 NFIB Guardian of Small Business; 2007 NFIB Champion of Small Business; 2006 Friend of Home Schooling Award; 2006 Legislator of the Year, GNRC; 2006 World Trade Council Essay Award for Article on Energy; 2006 Recipient of the Rush Limbaugh Feminazi Resistance; Ribbon, *The Tennessee Journal*; Tennessee Right to Life: 2012, 2008, 2006, 2004, 2002; NFIB: 2014, 2012, 2008, 2006, 2004; A+ NRA and Endorsed: 2010, 2008, 2006, 2004, 2002; Tennessee Chamber of Commerce: 2014, 2010, 2008, 2006, 2004; A NRA and endorsed 2014, 2012; Appointed to State Workforce and Development Board by Governor Haslam 2014-2016; 2014 AFP Champion for Prosperity.

**Membership History:** 109th, 108th, 106th, 105th, 104th, 103rd General Assemblies.

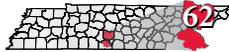
**Counties Represented:** Wilson County.

**Religion:** Southern Baptist.

## Pat Marsh

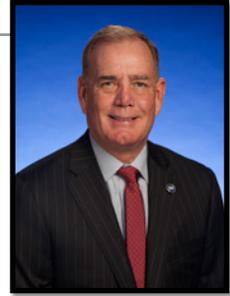
### District: 62

2105 Hwy 130 East, Shelbyville, TN 37160



**Occupation:**  
**Office Address:**  
**Office Email:**  
**Office Phone:**  
**Birth Date:**  
**Marital Status:**  
**Political Party:**

Co-Owner of Big G Express  
 G-19A War Memorial Building  
 rep.pat.marsh@capitol.tn.gov  
 615-741-6824  
 1/06/1949  
 Married  
 Republican



**Personal Information:** Wife, Mary; son, Rob and daughter-in-law, Katherine Marsh; son, John and daughter-in-law, Bea Marsh; one grandson, Walker Marsh, and one granddaughter, Maddie Marsh; B.S., Business with a major in Transportation, University of Tennessee; T-Club member and Football Manager 1968-1972; Sigma Chi Fraternity.

**Community Service:** Member and past President, Rotary Club; Board Member, National Walking Horse Celebration; Member: Shelbyville Chamber of Commerce; Tennessee Trucking Association; American Trucking Association; National Rifle Association; and Ducks Unlimited.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Business and Utilities Committee; Member: Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Calendar and Rules Committee; Business and Utilities Subcommittee; and Joint Fiscal Review Committee.

**Membership History:** 106th through 109th General Assemblies.

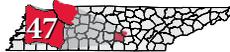
**Counties Represented:** Bedford and part of Lincoln.

**Religion:** Member: First Presbyterian Church.

## Judd Matheny

### District: 47

398 Vanguard Lane, Tullahoma, TN 37388



**Occupation:**  
**Office Address:**  
**Office Email:**  
**Office Phone:**  
**Birth Date:**  
**Marital Status:**  
**Political Party:**

Physician Services  
 215 War Memorial Building  
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 615-741-7448  
 4/09/1970  
 Married  
 Republican



**Personal Information:** Graduate, Tullahoma High School; graduate, Excelsior College, Albany, N.Y., with a B.A. in Criminal Justice Administration and Political Science; eight-year veteran, U.S. Army and Tennessee Army National Guard; tactical shooting/executive: VIP Protection Academy, 2000; Reserve Deputy Sheriff, Coffee County; eight-year veteran, state and local law enforcement; wife, Christy, and two children, Abigail and Aulden.

**Community Service:** Member: Tennessee Farm Bureau; National Rifle Association; Master Mason; Tullahoma Rotary; Tullahoma, Manchester, and McMinnville Chambers of Commerce; past chairman, Davidson County Crimestoppers; past chairman, Coffee County Republican Party; Coffee County Leadership in Progress, class of 2001-2002; agent with the 13th Judicial District Drug Task Force as a K-9 officer; special agent, Tennessee Alcohol Beverage Commission.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Health Committee; Insurance and Banking Committee; and Health Subcommittee; Speaker Pro Tempore: 107th General Assembly; Chairman: Coffee County Republican Party.

**Membership History:** 103rd through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Coffee and part of Warren.

**Religion:** Methodist.



### Jimmy Matlock

**District: 21**

190 Matlock Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771

<b>Occupation:</b>	Business Owner
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<b>Office Phone:</b>	615-741-3736
<b>Birth Date:</b>	2/05/1959
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Married 31 years to Déan; three children: Lindsay, Joe, and Reagan; attended Middle Tennessee State University and University of Tennessee.

**Community Service:** Board member, Tellico Reservoir Development Agency; Eaton Crossroads Ruritan Club; board member, Loudon County United Way; board member, Habitat for Humanity; East Tennessee Church of the Nazarene Advisory Board; board member, Barnabus Ministries; past president, Tennessee/Kentucky Tire Dealers Association; former chairman, Loudon County Republican Party; member, Chambers of Commerce (Loudon, McMinn, Monroe, and Blount counties).

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Transportation Committee; Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; Insurance and Banking Committee; and Transportation Subcommittee.

**Membership History:** 105th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Parts of Loudon and Monroe.

**Religion:** Christian, Church of The Nazarene.



### Steve McManus

**District: 96**

9406 Riveredge Drive, Cordova, TN 38018

<b>Occupation:</b>	Investment Advisor
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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Two children; B.A., College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass.

**Community Service:** Finance Chairman: Shelby County Republican Party; Executive Committee: Shelby County Republican Party; Co-Chairman: Cordova Leadership Council; Chairman of the Board: Germantown Community Theatre; 2005 Leadership Memphis graduate; Regional Business Commentator: Fox News.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Insurance and Banking Committee; Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; and Insurance and Banking Subcommittee.

**Membership History:** 106th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Shelby.

**Religion:** Roman Catholic.

## Larry J. Miller

### District: 88

1778 Overton Park Avenue, Memphis, TN 38112



<b>Occupation:</b>	Retired Professional Fireman
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<b>Birth Date:</b>	3/11/1954
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Single
<b>Political Party:</b>	Democrat



**Personal Information:** Daughter, Nikayla; Graduate: Booker T. Washington High School, Memphis; B.A., Social Science, LeMoyné-Owen College.

**Community Service:** Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; NAACP; Shelby County Democratic Party; Memphis-Shelby County New Arena Public Building Authority; Black Pioneers Fire Fighters; former Member: Tennessee Democratic Executive Committee.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Local Government Committee; and Local Government Subcommittee; former Chairman: Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators.

**Membership History:** 98th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Shelby.

**Religion:** Christian.

## Bo Mitchell

### District: 50

6421 Riverplace Drive, Nashville, TN 37221



<b>Occupation:</b>	Director of Sales, Employee Benefits
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<b>Office Phone:</b>	615-741-4317
<b>Birth Date:</b>	9/05/1970
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Democrat



**Personal Information:** Bo and his wife, Chastity, along with their sons, Parker (10) and Brady (8), live in the Newsom Station area of Bellevue. Bo graduated from David Lipscomb University in 1992 with a Bachelor's Degree in political science. He earned his law degree from Nashville School of Law in 2003.

**Community Service:** Bo is a member of the Harpeth River Watershed Association, Joelton Civitan Club, Gower Elementary PTO, Bellevue Family YMCA, FiftyForward J.L. Turner Center, Tennessee Conservation Voters, Goodlettsville Chamber of Commerce, Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, and Tennessee Farm Bureau.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Consumer and Human Resources Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; and Consumer and Human Resources Subcommittee; Metro Council, District 35, 2007-present; Director of Community Affairs for Governor Phil Bredesen.

**Membership History:** 108th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Davidson.

**Religion:** Christian.



## Debra Moody

**District: 81**

3176 Oil Mill Rd, Covington, TN 38019

<b>Occupation:</b>	Wife/Mother/Homemaker
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<b>Office Email:</b>	rep.debra.moody@capitol.tn.gov
<b>Office Phone:</b>	615-741-3774
<b>Birth Date:</b>	5/28/1956
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Husband, Terry; four children; attended Memphis State University and Arkansas State University.

**Community Service:** Board of Directors: Confidential Care; Foundation Board: Dyersburg State Community College; Community Bible Study International, Tipton County class; Bible teacher for 20-40-year-old women; Covington Chamber of Commerce; South Tipton Chamber of Commerce; Tri-County Republican Women; Tipton County Republican Party (various offices); volunteer in numerous Republican campaigns; National Rifle Association; Gun Owners of America; Disabled American Veteran Auxiliary.

**Service in Public Office:** Vice Chairman: Education Committee; Member: Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee. Appointed to Human Trafficking Task Force.

**Awards and Honors:** 2015 Legislator of the Year, Memphis Area Association of Governments.

**Membership History:** 108th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Tipton.

**Religion:** Southern Baptist.



## Antonio Parkinson

**District: 98**

P.O. Box 281453, Memphis, TN 38168

<b>Occupation:</b>	Firefighter, Lieutenant, Shelby County Fire Dept
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<b>Office Phone:</b>	615-741-4575
<b>Birth Date:</b>	7/14
<b>Political Party:</b>	Democrat

**Personal Information:** Retired U.S. Marine; Desert Storm veteran.

**Community Service:** Founder: ABetterMemphis.com; Founder/Organizer: The Block Party for Peace; Memphis and Shelby County Music Commission; former President: Frayser Exchange Club; Frayser Community Development Corporation (Board Member, 2007); former Vice President: Raleigh Community Council; President: The Voice of Raleigh and Frayser Community Action Network; Fresh Starts Community Baby Shower Initiative to lower the infant mortality rate in Shelby County.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; Ethics Committee; Criminal Justice Committee; Local Government Committee; and Local Government Subcommittee; Shelby County Legislative Delegation; Tennessee Legislative Black Caucus Member; State Child Fatality Review Team; TACIR.

**Awards and Honors:** 2011 Legislator of the Year; 2015 National Association of Social Workers TN Chapter Public Official of the Year.

**Membership History:** 107th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Shelby.

**Religion:** Non-denominational, Breath of Life Christian Center.

# Joe Pitts

**District: 67**  
544 Hay Market Road, Clarksville, TN 37043



<b>Occupation:</b>	Banker
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<b>Office Phone:</b>	615-741-2043
<b>Birth Date:</b>	8/15/1958
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Democrat

Legislative Branch

**Personal Information:** Spouse, Cynthia; five children; six grandchildren; B.S., Austin Peay State University.

**Community Service:** Board of Directors: Clarksville-Montgomery County Education Foundation; Board of Directors: Austin Peay State University Foundation; Board of Directors: Two Rivers Company; Member: NAACP, Tennessee Patriot Fund; APSU Stem Center Advisory Board; APSU School of Nursing Advisory Board.

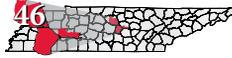
**Service in Public Office:** Member: Ethics Committee; Education Instruction and Programs Committee; Insurance and Banking Committee; Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee; and Regional Three Branches Institutes.

**Awards and Honors:** 2014 Friend of Education - TN Education Association; 2013 TN Organization of School Superintendents Legislative Leadership Award; 2013 Jerry G. Jenkins Community Service Award - NAACP Clarksville Branch; 2009 Public Official of the Year, Tennessee Chapter, National Association of Social Workers; 2009 recipient, William V. Corr Award, Tennessee Primary Care Association; 2011-2012 recipient of the Tennessee Information Enforcement System (TIES) Award; 2009 recipient of the Jackie W. Goad Hall of Fame Award from the Clarksville-Montgomery County Home Builders Association.

**Membership History:** 105th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Montgomery.

**Religion:** Christian.



## Mark A. Pody

**District: 46**

113 South Cumberland Street  
Lebanon, TN 37087

<b>Occupation:</b>	Insurance
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<b>Office Phone:</b>	615-741-7086
<b>Birth Date:</b>	4/23
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Married; two daughters; 12 grandchildren.

**Community Service:** NRA; Right to Life; Tennessee Firearms Association; Lebanon/Wilson County Chamber of Commerce; DeKalb County Chamber of Commerce; Cannon County Chamber of Commerce; Watertown Chamber of Commerce; Lebanon Rotary Club; Civil Air Patrol; NAFIA; CLU; CHFC; LUTCF; past President: GAMA; private pilot; Gideons International.

**Service in Public Office:** Vice Chairman: Consumer and Human Resources Committee; Member: Insurance and Banking Committee; and Consumer and Human Resources Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce 2012 Friend of Business Award for 100 percent voting in the 107th General Assembly.

**Membership History:** 107th through 109th General Assemblies.

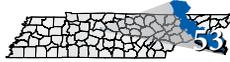
**Counties Represented:** Cannon, and parts of DeKalb and Wilson.

**Religion:** Christian.

# Jason Powell

**District:** 53

5133 Hilson Road, Nashville, TN 37211



**Occupation:**

Real Estate/Non-Profit

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**Office Email:**

rep.jason.powell@capitol.tn.gov

**Office Phone:**

615-741-6861

**Birth Date:**

1/25/1978

**Marital Status:**

Married

**Political Party:**

Democrat

**Personal Information:** Wife, Heather; daughter, Sophie; son, Hawkes; B.A., History/Political Science, University of Colorado at Boulder; M.P.A., Tennessee State University; Phi Alpha Alpha Honor Society; pursuing M.B.A., University of Memphis.

**Community Service:** Member: Caldwell-Abbey Hall Neighborhood Association; Cane Ridge Community Club; Crieve Hall Neighborhood Association; Fairlane Park Neighborhood Association; Glenclyff Neighborhood Association; Woodbine Neighborhood Association; Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, South Area Advisory Council; Tennessee Association of Realtors; Tennessee Certified Prevention Specialist; former Board Member: Nashville Emerging Leaders.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Business and Utilities Committee; State Government Committee; and Business and Utilities Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** Varsity Letterman: Colorado Buffaloes football; Tennessee Conservation Voters' Legislative Friend Award 2013 & 2014.

**Membership History:** 108th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Davidson.

**Religion:** Episcopal.



## Dennis H. Powers

**District: 36**

139 Preston Circle, Jacksboro, TN 37757

<b>Occupation:</b>	Insurance Agent
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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Tracy; LaFollette High School; B.S., Business Administration, University of Tennessee.

**Community Service:** Chairman: Campbell County Republican Party; Board of Directors: Campbell County Chamber Leadership; former President: South Campbell County Rotary Club; Member: Campbell, Anderson, and Union Chambers of Commerce; former President: Campbell County Young Republicans; Committee Chairman: Goodwill Industries; golf coach and adopter; Jacksboro Middle School coach; senior league baseball; volunteer: LaFollette Medical Center; Committee Chairman: Boy Scouts of America; mentor program: West LaFollette Elementary School; Friends of Cove Lake State Park; National Right to Life; National Rifle Association; Campbell County Habitat for Humanity Board; American Cancer Society; Relay for Life; Committee Chairman: Adopt-A-School program; First Baptist Church of Jacksboro; Member: Campbell County Jaycees; Heritage Foundation; American Legislative Exchange Council; Tennessee Farm Bureau; Leadership Campbell County; Wounded Warrior Project; National Conference of State Legislators; National Federation of Independent Business; The Tenth Amendment Center; Beacon Center of Tennessee; Mentor: Tennessee Promise.

**Service in Public Office:** 108th and 109th Vice Chairman: House Republican Caucus; and House Energy Task Force. Member: Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Insurance and Banking Committee; and Insurance and Banking Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** Rotary, Paul Harris Fellow; Defender of Liberty Award, American Conservative Union; Champion for Prosperity Award, Americans for Prosperity.

**Membership History:** 107th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Campbell and parts of Union and Anderson.

**Religion:** First Baptist Church of Jacksboro.

# John David Ragan, Jr.

**District:** 33

119 Morningside Drive, Oak Ridge, TN 37830



**Occupation:**

Business Consultant

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**Birth Date:**

12/16/1948

**Marital Status:**

Married

**Political Party:**

Republican

**Personal Information:** More than four decades of experience in governmental, industrial, educational, and commercial organizations. Ragan's military career spanned 24 years that encompassed more than 4,000 jet hours and time in two combat theaters in addition to ever-increasing positions of responsibility and accomplishment in both management and technical activities. These responsibilities have not only included wartime command, but also experience in managing civil engineering operations, logistics, communications, and police organizations among others. Family: wife of 44 years, Liz; a daughter, Amanda, an Oak Ridge High School choral director; a son, Patrick, a U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel and F-16 pilot. Education: bachelor's degree, engineering sciences, Air Force Academy; master's degree, aeronautical sciences, Embry-Riddle University; postgraduate studies, University of Tennessee; professional and certificate studies, University of North Carolina, University of Oklahoma, University of Southern California; former adjunct faculty, University of Tennessee and Embry-Riddle University.

**Community Service:** Video ministry at Grace Baptist Church; substitute teacher for local school system; Member: Anderson County Chamber of Commerce; Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce; Daedalians (Fraternal Order of Military Pilots); Air Force Association, USAF Academy Association of Graduates; former little league baseball coach; former youth basketball coach.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: House Energy Task Force; Joint Veterans' Caucus; Joint Government Operations Education, Health and General Welfare Subcommittee; Second Vice Chairman: Government Operations Committee; Vice Chairman: Joint Government Operations Judiciary and Government Subcommittee; Commander: Legislative Squadron of the Tennessee Wing of the Civil Air Patrol; Member: Transportation Committee; Transportation Subcommittee; and Joint Transportation Subcommittee; Member: National Council of State Legislatures Natural Resources and Infrastructure Committee; Southern States Energy Board; and Co-Chair of the National Council of State Legislatures Nuclear Legislative Working Group.

**Membership History:** 107th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Anderson.

**Religion:** Southern Baptist.

Legislative Branch



## Bob Ramsey

**District: 20**

2120 Middlewood Drive, Maryville, TN 37803

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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Margaret; two children, Heather and Haley; two granddaughters, Greer and Valentina; Maryville High School; B.S., Biology, University of Tennessee at Knoxville; D.D.S., University of Tennessee at Memphis, Licensed in Florida and Tennessee; Professional: Dental Director of Okaloosa County Health Department (1974-1976), Private Practice of General Dentistry (1976-present); Second District Dental Peer Review Board (eight years); Blount County Dental Society; Second District Dental Society; Tennessee Dental Society; American Dental Society (1976-present); Blount County Board of Health (1990-present), Chairman for four years; Blount Memorial Hospital Medical Executive Committee Representative (1982); Choir Member: First Baptist Church of Maryville, upright bass player for the church symphony; Trustee, Member of the Jail Ministry, and a past youth teacher.

**Community Service:** Blount County Commissioner, 1990-2009; Commission Chairman, 1990-1992, 2002-2008; Appointed Interim County Executive, 1992; Appointed Acting County Mayor, 2006; Chairman, Regional Solid Waste Authority (2002-2008); Chairman, Tellico Reservoir Development Agency (2006); Agricultural Extension Committee; Board member, Blount Community Action Agency (2004-present); Member: Kiwanis Club of Maryville (1976-present); Past member: County Executives Association, County Mayors Association, East Tennessee Human Resources Agency; Member: East Tennessee Development District; Member: Emergency Communications Committee, Information Technology Committee, Long Range Planning Committee, Properties, Purchasing and Public Service Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee; Member: Nominating and Reapportionment Committee; Member: Blount County Chamber of Commerce, 1976-present; County Forensic Dental Examiner, 1976-1994; President: Friends of Blount County Library, 1993; Graduate: Leadership Blount, 2001; Sponsor: Little River Watershed Association; Martin Luther King Community Choir, 2001-present.

**Service in Public Office:** Tennessee House of Representatives; Chairman: House State Government Committee; Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; House Health Committee; House State Government Subcommittee; and Advisory Committee on Open Government.

**Awards and Honors:** Outstanding Legislative Leadership Award, Tennessee Men's Health Network, 2014; Legislator of the Year, Greater Nashville Regional Council, 2013; Outstanding Representative, County Officials Association of Tennessee, 2012; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers, 107th General Assembly; Arc Legislators of the Year, 2012; Motorcycling Safety and Freedom, CMT/ABATE Inc.; Legislator of the Year, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 2012; Checks and Balances Award, 2011; Winner, TSCA Protecting Local Taxpayer Dollars Award, 2011.

**Membership History:** 106th through 109th General Assemblies.

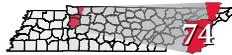
**Counties Represented:** Part of Blount.

**Religion:** Baptist.

# Jay D. Reedy

**District:** 74

425 Coleman Lane, Erin, TN 37061



Legislative Branch

**Occupation:** Cattle Farmer/Small Business Owner (Locksmith)  
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**Birth Date:** 6/23/1963  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**Political Party:** Republican

**Personal Information:** Married; wife Vickie, three children, B.S. Agriculture, Austin Peay State University 1990; Payette High School, Payette, Idaho 1981; U.S. Army - Combat Radio Repairman, Signal Corps; U.S. Army Reserve - Signal Officer; MOAA - Military Officers Association of America - Ft. Campbell Chapter; National Rifle Association, Life Member; NRA Certified Shooting Coach - Shotgun Sports; MTLA - Middle TN Locksmith Association; Certified Locksmith; Certified Master Beef Producer.

**Community Service:** Houston County Election Commission - Past Commissioner, Houston County Republican Party - Correspondence Secretary, Houston County Chamber of Commerce - Member, Humphreys County Chamber of Commerce - Board of Directors Member.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Business and Utilities Committee; and Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** Most Outstanding Agriculture Senior, APSU; Outstanding Military Science Senior, APSU; Delta Tau Alpha - Agriculture Honor Society; United States Army Achievement Medal, 2 Oak Leaf Clusters; United States Army Accommodation Medal, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster.

**Membership History:** 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Houston, Humphreys, and part of Montgomery.

**Religion:** Church of Christ.



## Courtney Leigh Rogers

**District: 45**

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Goodlettsville, TN 37072

<b>Occupation:</b>	Retired Air Force, TN Air National Guard
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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Married to Mike Rogers 22 years. Children: Eryn (21), Michael (17), and Kellen (13); Master of Science in Administration, Central Michigan University; Bachelor of Arts in International Relations, University of Southern California; Squadron Officer's School; Air Force Air Command and Staff College; Air War College.

**Community Service:** Tennessee State Guard; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9851; Military Officer's Association of America; Concerned Women for America; Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce; Goodlettsville Chamber of Commerce; White House Chamber of Commerce; Life Member: National Rifle Association; Tennessee Firearms Association; Sumner County GOP; Leadership Middle Tennessee; Faculty Member "Salt and Light Institute"; Sumner County Humane Society.

**Service in Public Office:** Vice Chairman: Transportation Committee; Member: Transportation Subcommittee; Civil Justice Committee; and Criminal Justice Committee (108th).

**Awards and Honors:** Leadership Middle Tennessee graduate, 2011; named Tennessee Ambassador of Goodwill by Governor Bill Haslam, April 2011; Bridgestone Vice President's Award, 1997; Targeting Officer of the Year, 1990; Distinguished Graduate Targeting Officer School, 1985; USAF Outstanding Performer 1982, 1984, 1988.

**Membership History:** 108th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Sumner County within the cities of Goodlettsville, Hendersonville, Millersville, and White House.

**Religion:** Christian, Church of the Nazarene.

## Bill Sanderson

**District:** 77  
3804 Concord Road, Kenton, TN 38233



<b>Occupation:</b>	Retailer, Farmer-Viticulturist
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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Marjie; three children; Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Lambuth University.

**Community Service:** Life Choices Advisory Board; Chairman: Kenton Merchants Association; Member: Kenton City Zoning and Appeal Board; Trustee: Kenton Special School District; Obion County Chamber of Commerce; Kappa Alpha Order alumni; First State Bank Advisory Board; Obion County Republican Party; National Rifle Association; Tennessee Firearms Association; Tennessee Farm Bureau; Tennessee Viticulture Association; Union City Rotary Club; and Western Sun Masonic Lodge.

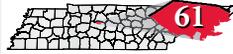
**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: State Government Subcommittee; Member: State Government Committee; Joint Fiscal Review Committee; and Transportation Committee; Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness and Health; Alliance for Fitness and Health; Chairman: Kenton Merchants Association; Member: Kenton City Zoning and Appeal Board.

**Awards and Honors:** Republican Party Statesman of the Year; Northwest Tennessee Development District Legislator of the Year; 2014 County Trustee Association Legislator of the Year.

**Membership History:** 107th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Dyer, Lake, and part of Obion.

**Religion:** Methodist.



## Charles M. Sargent, Jr.

**District: 61**

117 Ashton Park Blvd, Franklin, TN 37067

<b>Occupation:</b>	Insurance agent
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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Three children; three grandchildren; served in the United States Navy from 1965-1967 in Corpus Christi, Texas; moved to Nashville in 1970 and then to Franklin in 1977.

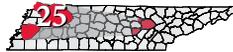
**Community Service:** Member: Williamson County Chamber of Commerce; Williamson County Heritage Foundation; Williamson County Republican Party; Douglas Henry State Museum Commission; Board Member: Williamson Medical Foundation; former President-Elect: Grassland Parents Association; Co-Founder and President: Grassland Athletic Association.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; Insurance and Banking Committee; Joint Fiscal Review Committee; Joint Pensions and Insurance Committee; and Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee; Williamson County Commission, 1990-1996; Williamson County Planning Commission, 1989-1997.

**Membership History:** 100th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Williamson.

**Religion:** Hillsboro Presbyterian Church.



## Cameron Sexton

**District: 25**

186 Homestead Drive, Crossville, TN 38555

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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Lacey; three children, Nathaniel, Olivia, and Greer; B.A., University of Tennessee, 1994; Oak Ridge High School, 1989.

**Community Service:** Crossville Noon Rotary Club; Board Member: Friends of Cumberland Mountain State Park; Board Member: Cumberland County Bank; Relay for Life Committee; Fairfield Glade Lions Club.

**Service in Public Office:** Majority Whip; Chairman: Health Committee; Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; Local Government Committee; and Health Subcommittee.

**Membership History:** 107th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Cumberland, Van Buren, and part of Putnam.

**Religion:** Baptist.

# Jerry Sexton

**District:** 35  
P.O. Box 607, Bean Station, TN 37708



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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Marsha; children, Terri and Matthew; President: Grainger County Chamber of Commerce; Executive Board Member: WSCC Workforce Development Board; Board Member: Tennessee Food on Foot Foundation.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Business and Utilities Committee; Calendar and Rules Committee; Transportation Committee; and Transportation Subcommittee.

**Membership History:** 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Claiborne, Grainger, and part of Union.

**Religion:** Noeton Missionary Baptist Church.



## Johnny W. Shaw

**District: 80**

P.O. Box 191, 123 West Market Street  
Bolivar, TN 38008

<b>Occupation:</b>	CEO Shaw Broadcasting Co., LLC and Pastor
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<b>Birth Date:</b>	1/05
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Democrat

**Personal Information:** Six children; Theological Studies, American Baptist College; CEO and co-owner: Shaw Broadcasting Co., LLC.

**Community Service:** Board Member: National Civil Rights Museum; Board Chairman: Western Mental Health Institute; Member: West Tennessee River Basin Authority Board; Board Member: Community Rehabilitation Agencies of Tennessee; Lifetime Member: NAACP; Madison and Hardeman County Capitol Talk Forums; Board Member: University of Memphis (Lambuth); Chairman: TAKE ONE Steering Committee (mentoring program for released offenders).

**Service in Public Office:** Member: State Government Committee; Joint Fiscal Review Committee; Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; and Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; past Chairman: Tennessee Legislative Black Caucus; past Member: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; State Government Subcommittee; Legislative Arts Caucus; and Rural Caucus, National Black Caucus of State Legislators; past Committees: Agriculture Committee; Ethics Committee; General Subcommittee of Agriculture; General Subcommittee of Finance, Ways and Means; Joint Pensions and Insurance; Children and Family Committee; and Health Equity Commission; former Hardeman County Commissioner.

**Awards and Honors:** 2014 PBS History Maker Award in Broadcasting; 2013 Hardeman County Service to Veterans Award; 2012 Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging Impact Award; 2012 Tennessee Association of Broadcasters Distinguished Service Award; National Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Educating Leader Award; West Tennessee Entrepreneurs-C.A. Rawls Bridge Builder Award; American Cancer Society-Capitol Dome Award; Tennessee Development District Assoc.-Legislator of the Year Award; Jackson Affordable Housing- Jo Helen Imani Award.

**Membership History:** 102nd through 109th General Assemblies.

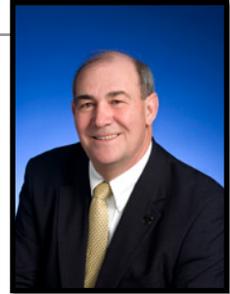
**Counties Represented:** Parts of Hardeman and Madison.

**Religion:** Baptist Pastor, St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Stanton, TN.

## David A. Shepard

### District: 69

204 McCreary Heights, Dickson, TN 37055



<b>Occupation:</b>	Pharmacist
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<b>Birth Date:</b>	10/06/1947
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Democrat

**Personal Information:** Three children; B.S., University of Tennessee-Martin; B.S. and Pharm D., University of Tennessee-Memphis College of Pharmacy; U.S. Army, 1969-1971; Vietnam Veteran.

**Community Service:** Member and former Board Member: Dickson County Chamber of Commerce; past President and Charter Member: High Noon Rotary Club; Hickman County Chamber of Commerce; past Member, UT Alumni Board of Governors.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Ethics Committee; Insurance and Banking Committee; Local Government Committee; Joint Fiscal Review Committee; and Insurance and Banking Subcommittee; Dickson City Council and vice mayor, 1977-1989.

**Awards and Honors:** Distinguished Service to Pharmacy Award, 2006; Hubert H. Humphrey Award, American Pharmaceutical Association, 2008; University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy Alumni Association Outstanding Alumnus, 2008; Shelby Rhinehart Service Award for Pharmacy, 2012.

**Membership History:** 102nd through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Hickman, and parts of Maury and Dickson.

**Religion:** Methodist.

## Eddie Smith

### District: 13

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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Lanna; two children. Graduated from Tusculum College with a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Management.

**Community Service:** Production Director: Knoxville's Living Christmas Tree; Member: Knox County Republican Party.

**Service in Public Office:** Deputy Majority Whip. Member: Education Administration and Planning Committee; Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee; and Transportation Committee. Member of Bi-Partisan STEM Caucus; and Information Systems Council.

**Membership History:** 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Knox.

**Religion:** Member, Fairview Baptist Church.



## Mike Sparks

**District: 49**

114 Woodland Drive, Smyrna, TN 37167

<b>Occupation:</b>	Business Owner, Business Consultant, Author, Entrepreneur, Radio Spokesperson
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<b>Birth Date:</b>	1/11/1967
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Felicia (27 years); sons, Preston and Payton; two dogs, Sam and Bella; graduated Smyrna High School; attended: Castle Heights Military Academy; Volunteer State Community College; CCIM Institute; Watkins Film School; graduate: Nashville Auction School; University of Tennessee Governing Principles, class of 2011; Middle Tennessee State University; Motlow State Community College, Mass Communication; Nashville School of Real Estate; Dale Carnegie Institute; author of three books, *Learn The Car Business For Fun and Profit: How to Buy, Sell, Barter and Out-Negotiate Any Car Dealer*, *Learn to Barter*, and his latest, *How To Do More With Less During Tough Times*.

**Community Service:** NFIB; Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce; Farm Bureau; NRA; Smyrna Rotary Club; Gideon's International; American Legislative Exchange Council; past member, Motlow College Advisory Board; past board member, American Red Cross, Heart of Tennessee Chapter; co-host of biweekly radio show "Rutherford Issues" on 100.5 FM and 1450 AM, WGNS; former member, Nissan Community Involvement Committee; Tennessee Firearms Association; Sheriff's Citizen Academy; completed: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's Citizens Academy; Tennessee Department of Correction's Citizens Academy.

**Service in Public Office:** Vice chairman: Local Government Committee; past Vice Chairman: Transportation Committee; Member: Business and Utilities Committee; and Local Government Subcommittee; former Member: Transportation Subcommittee; House Health and Human Resources Committee; Rutherford County Commissioner, 2002-2010; Smyrna Planning Commission, 2001-2010; Rutherford County Public Works and Planning Committee; Rutherford County Property Management Committee; Rutherford County Health and Education Committee; Rutherford County Purchasing Committee; Tennessee Energy Task Force; founding Member: TN-ZERO Drug and Crime Task Force.

**Awards and Honors:** Ruthies Small Business Award winner, 2008-2009; Smyrna Rotary Club Perfect Attendance Award; business featured nationwide as Tennessee's first "Dot Com" car company, *Business Journal Magazine*; biography featured in the book "No More Mondays" by Dan Miller of 48days.com; service award for "Innovative Ideas for Cost Savings" while employed with Whirlpool Corporation; initiated Rutherford County's "Efficiency Task Force;" Rotary International "Paul Harris Fellow" Award; Helped develop Rutherford County "Solid Waste Study Committee;" Initiated the idea to host the Goodwill Industries collection trailers at Area Convenience Centers.

**Membership History:** 107th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Countries Represented:** Part of Rutherford including Smyrna, LaVergne, North Murfreesboro, and Arrington.

**Religion:** Baptist.

# Billy Spivey

**District: 92**  
1523 Cornersville Hwy, Lewisburg, TN 37091



<b>Occupation:</b>	Maintenance Manager
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<b>Birth Date:</b>	1/18/1969
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Father of six children; Cornersville High School; A.A.S., Technology, Columbia State; U.S Army veteran.

**Community Service:** Past Chairman: Marshall County Republican Party; Graduate: Leadership Marshall County; past Member: Tennessee Technology Center Advisory Board.

**Service in Public Office:** Vice Chairman: Education Instruction and Programs Committee; Member: Local Government Committee; and Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee; past Member: Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; State Government Committee; and Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; past Chairman: Marshall County Commission.

**Membership History:** 108th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Marshall and parts of Franklin, Lincoln, and Marion.

**Religion:** Reform Baptist.

Legislative Branch



## Art Swann

**District:** 8

1507 S. Court Street, Maryville, TN 37803

<b>Occupation:</b>	Businessman
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<b>Birth Date:</b>	10/17/1952
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Married; B.S., University of Tennessee-Martin, 1975; Maryville High School, 1971; Former Vice President of student government at University of Tennessee-Martin.

**Community Service:** Member: Blount County Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors: Blount County Community Action Agency; Member: Blount County Republican Party Executive Committee; former Chairman: Blount County Republican Party; former Director: Maryville College Building and Grounds Committee; former Director: Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority; former Board of Directors: Nine Counties One Vision; former Director: Maryville Alcoa Home Builders Association; former Board of Directors: Overlook Mental Health; former Vice Chairman: Smoky Mountain Visitors Bureau; former Member: Tennessee Private Industry Council.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Business and Utilities Subcommittee; Member: Business and Utilities Committee; and Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; former Secretary: Children and Family Affairs Committee; former Member: General Subcommittee of Children and Family Affairs; former Member: Conservation and Environment Committee; former Member: General Subcommittee of Conservation and Environment; former Member: Commerce Committee; former Member: State and Local Government Committee; former Republican Floor Leader (95th General Assembly); former Blount County Commissioner.

**Awards and Honors:** Legislator of the Year for 2014 from Tennessee Association of Professional Surveyors.

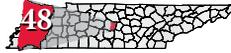
**Membership History:** 107th through 109th General Assemblies, 94th and 95th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Blount.

**Religion:** Episcopalian.

## Bryan Terry

**District: 48**  
2306 Blackfox Court, Murfreesboro, TN 37127



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<b>Birth Date:</b>	10/27/1968
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife Cheryl; son Brayden and daughter Breeley; B.S. Psychology, University of Oklahoma; M.D., Oklahoma College of Medicine; Anesthesiology Residency, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

**Community Service:** Tennessee Society of Anesthesiologists; Tennessee Medical Association; Association of American Physicians and Surgeons; American Society of Anesthesiologists; American Medical Association; Stones River Medical Academy; Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma; Diplomat of the American Board of Anesthesiology; and National Rifle Association.

**Service in Public Office:** Co-Founder and Co-Chair, Bi-Partisan Freshmen Caucus. Member: Consumer and Human Resources Committee; Health Committee; and Health Subcommittee.

**Membership History:** 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Rutherford.

**Religion:** Interdenominational Christian.

Legislative Branch



## Curry Todd

**District: 95**

170 Legacy Farm, Apt. 102, Collierville, TN 38017

<b>Occupation:</b>	Administrator/Business Owner/Retired
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<b>Office Phone:</b>	615-741-1866
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Single
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** One child; University of Memphis, Law Enforcement.

**Community Service:** Shelby County Conservative Republican Club; East Shelby County Republican Club; Republican Women of Purpose; Shelby County Republican Women; Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame; National Rifle Association; Board of Directors and State Chairman: American Legislative Exchange Council; past Board Member: University of Memphis Society Inc.; Board Member: University of Memphis M-Club; Collierville Republican Club; former Member: Shelby County Republican Party steering committee; Fisherville Civic Club; Collierville Rotary Club; Memphis/Shelby County job conference committee; Memphis Zoological Society; Tennessee Correction Volunteer Advisory Board; Member: National Association of Sportsman Legislators; Memphis/Shelby County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame; Wolf River Conservancy.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; State Government Committee; and Finance Subcommittee; Tennessee Peace Officers and Training Commission (appointed by Governor Lamar Alexander to develop, plan and implement uniform standards of employment, training, and certification for police officers in Tennessee), 1981-1987; elected by Peace Officers Standard Training Commission (POST) to develop and implement police legislation with the Tennessee General Assembly, 1981-1987; served on legislative study committees of the Tennessee General Assembly in the area of corrections and criminal justice, 1981-1984; Chairman: POST Commission, 1984-1987; Legislative liaison/lobbyist, Tennessee Fraternal Order of Police, 1982-1987; Memphis and Shelby County Job Conference, 1982-1983; Criminal Justice Committee; Chairman: Subcommittee on Development of Law Enforcement Legislation, Memphis and Shelby County Job Conference, 1982-1983; Chairman: Subcommittee on Neighborhood Crime Prevention, 1976-1988; Memphis Police Department/Memphis Police Association (legislative liaison/lobbyist in the Tennessee General Assembly for both the department and the association), 1974-1986; American Legislative Exchange Council, Board of Directors and State Chairman for Tennessee; member, Southern Regional Energy Council; and Member POST Commission 2015.

**Awards and Honors:** 2011 Legislator of the Year: Tennessee Professional Firefighters Association; 2011 Outstanding Legislator: Tennessee PTA; 2008-2009 National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) Medallion Award; 2008 and 2010 Outstanding Representative Award: County Officials Association of Tennessee; 2008 Legislator of the Year: American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC); Legislator of the 106th General Assembly, Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers.

**Membership History:** 101st through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Shelby.

**Religion:** Baptist.

## Joe Towns, Jr.

**District: 84**

4528 St. Honore, Memphis, TN 38116



Legislative Branch

**Occupation:** Business/ Entrepreneur and Former College Instructor, and has a Management, Consulting and Entertainment Co.

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**Office Phone:** 615-741-2189

**Marital Status:** Single

**Political Party:** Democrat

**Personal Information:** Business/entrepreneur, former college instructor, and has a management, consulting and entertainment company; B.A., Political Science, LeMoyné-Owen College; M.S., Operational Management, University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Hobbies: writing poetry and acting; recently acted in Eddie Murphy’s “The Kingdom;” performs stage acting and the spoken word. Professional service: management in the cargo line industry; management in the hospital industry; management in the customer service arena; real estate investor; sales profession and telecommunications industry.

**Community Service:** Former Member: Community Service Action Board and Democratic Executive Committee; Co-founder: C.U.T.E.C. anti-crime organization; Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; Men of Progress; 100 Black Men; Gardenvue Home Owner Association.

**Service in Public Office:** Assistant Democratic Leader; Member: Education Instruction and Programs Committee; Insurance and Banking Committee; and Insurance and Banking Subcommittee.

**Membership History:** 99th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Shelby.

**Religion:** Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church.



## Ron Travis

**District: 31**

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<b>Occupation:</b>	Insurance Agent
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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Laura; two daughters, Rachel Travis and Jessica (Ben) Shannon; granddaughter, Alley Jo Shannon.

**Community Service:** Member: Downtown Dayton Association; Member: Pikeville, Dayton, Dunlap, and Roane County Chambers of Commerce; Member: Civitan; Member: Emmaus Community; Member: Mainstreet Dayton; Lifetime Member: NRA; Executive Board: Southeast Tennessee Rural Planning Organization; Board of Directors: National Association of Christian Athletes.

**Service in Public Office:** Vice Chairman: Insurance and Banking Committee; Member: Consumer and Human Resources Committee; Insurance and Banking Subcommittee; and Joint Fiscal Review Committee.

**Awards and Honors:** Agent, Nationwide (since 1983); Nationwide Insurance President's and Champion's Conference qualifier multiple years; Life Underwriter's Training Council Fellow (LUTCF); Tennessee Men's Health Outstanding Legislative Leadership Award, 2014; Tennessee Development District Association Legislator of the Year Award, 2014; Tennessee Chamber of Commerce "Champion of Commerce" Award 2014.

**Membership History:** 108th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Bledsoe, Rhea, Sequatchie, and part of Roane.

**Religion:** Methodist.

## Johnnie R. Turner

### District: 85

752 West Levi Road, Memphis, TN 38109



**Occupation:** Retired Educator, Civil Rights Advocate Administrator  
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**Office Phone:** 615-741-6954  
**Marital Status:** Widow  
**Political Party:** Democrat

**Personal Information:** One child; four grandchildren; B.S., LeMoyné-Owen College; M.Ed., University of Memphis; postgraduate studies at the University of Memphis and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

**Community Service:** Executive Committee: NAACP Tennessee State Conference; Board Member: New Memphis Arena Public Building Authority (PBA); Leadership Memphis; LeMoyné-Owen College National Alumni Association; Founding Member and past President: Memphis Alliance of Black School Educators; Memphis Retired Teachers Association; United Teaching Profession; Memphis/Shelby County Anti-Predatory Lending Coalition; Westwood Neighborhood Association; past Member: Advisory Board, Memphis juvenile court system; past Vice Chairman: Health, Educational and Housing Facility Board of Shelby County; past President: Memphis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.; Board of Trustees: Greater Middle Baptist Church.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Consumer and Human Resources Committee; Education Administration and Planning Committee; and Consumer and Human Resources Subcommittee; Treasurer: Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators.

**Awards and Honors:** Living Legends Award, Northeast Region of the NAACP; Living Legends Award, Memphis Grizzlies and the National Civil Rights Museum; Addie G. Owen Racial Justice Award, YWCA of Greater Memphis; Legends of Memphis Award for community involvement, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Memphis Chapter; Freedom Award for community service, University of Memphis Chapter of the NAACP; Women of Excellence Award, *Tri-State Defender*; Friend of Education Award, Memphis Education Association; Memphis "Freedom Sister Recognition," Smithsonian Institute/National Civil Rights Museum; Women Making a Difference Award, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.; Ruby R. Wharton Award for outstanding service in race relations, Mayor A C Wharton; Kwanzaa honoree for community service, Mid-South Kwanzaa Inc.; annual listing in "100 Most Influential Movers and Shakers in Memphis" (1997-2010), *Memphis Magazine*; Highland Area Renewal Corp's HARPAngels Award for Support of Neighborhoods; 2014 Legislator of the Year, Arc of the Mid-South; 2015 Pacesetters Award, Women Legislators' Lobby (WiLL).

**Membership History:** 106th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Shelby.

**Religion:** Baptist.



## James "Micah" Van Huss

**District: 6**

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<b>Occupation:</b>	Web Programmer
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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** U.S. Marine Scout Sniper; B.S. Computer Science, Pensacola Christian College.

**Service in Public Office:** Vice chairman: Criminal Justice Committee; Member: Local Government Committee; and Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**Awards and Honors:** 2014 Freedom Award; Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; platoon honor graduate, School of Infantry, U.S.M.C.; platoon high shooter, Boot Camp, U.S.M.C.

**Membership History:** 108th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Washington.

**Religion:** Christian.



## Terri Lynn Weaver

**District: 40**

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<b>Occupation:</b>	Singer/Songwriter/Small Business Owner
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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** One child and two grandchildren.

**Community Service:** Past chairman, Smith County Republican Party; Past chairman, Smith County Republican Women; Member, Chambers of Commerce Smith County, Smithville-DeKalb County, Gallatin Area, Hendersonville Area, Hartsville-Trousdale County; Brush Creek Lions Club; Gordonsville Noon Rotary Club; Farm Bureau; National Rifle Association, lifetime member; Tennessee Firearms Association; Chairman, Lancaster Independence Day Parade; Host musician of Carthage Annual Christmas Eve Service; Tennessee State Guard; Overmountain Victory Trail Association.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman, Transportation Subcommittee; Member: Criminal Justice Committee; and Transportation Committee; Past Member: Agriculture Committee; Children and Family Affairs Committee; and Education Committee.

**Awards and Honors:** 2015 Tennessee District Attorneys Conference Legislator of the Year; 2015 Distinguished Honor Graduate, Tennessee State Guard Initial Entry Program; 2013 Upper Cumberland Development District Legislator of the Year; 2013 Award of Support, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Inc, 3rd Annual Caney Fork Outing; 2012 Macon Co. Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year; 1993 Christian Country Music Association Female Vocalist of the Year, singer/songwriter with three number one gospel songs.

**Membership History:** 106th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Smith, Trousdale, and parts of DeKalb and Sumner.

**Religion:** Nondenominational.

## Dawn White

**District:** 37

1522 Riverview Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37129



**Occupation:** Small Business Owner; Former Teacher  
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**Birth Date:** 10/22/1975  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**Political Party:** Republican

**Personal Information:** Husband, Chad; B.S., Middle Tennessee State University; Master of Education, Middle Tennessee State University; Specialist in Education, Middle Tennessee State University.

**Community Service:** Member: LifePoint Church; Member: BRAA (Blue Raider Athletic Association); Board Member: CASA of Rutherford County; Advisory Board Member: Discovery Center; Sustainer Member: Junior League of Murfreesboro; Board Member: Saint Thomas Rutherford Ambassadors; Member: Rutherford Cable; Affiliate Member: Smyrna Lions Club; Member: Tennessee Economic Council on Women; Advisory Board Member: YMCA.

**Service in Public Office:** Republican Caucus Secretary; Member: Education Administration and Planning Committee; Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee; and Transportation Committee.

**Membership History:** 108th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Rutherford.

**Religion:** Baptist.



## Mark White

**District: 83**

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<b>Occupation:</b>	Conflict Management Consultant
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<b>Birth Date:</b>	3/11/1950
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Kathy; one daughter, Bonny; two grandsons, Jack and Ty; B.S., University of Memphis; current student in Lipscomb University Institute of Conflict Management; Rule 31 Certificate.

**Community Service:** Past board member, Collierville Chamber of Commerce; past chairman, NFIB Tennessee Leadership Council; member, past chairman, NFIB Memphis Action Council; member, National Federation of Independent Business; board of directors, Collierville Chamber of Commerce; Memphis Regional Chamber of Commerce; Germantown Kiwanis Club; past vice president, Greentrees Civic Association; director/founder, Global Children’s Educational Foundation which provides educational opportunity to children in the Republic of Panama; Shelby County Republican Party.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman, Education Subcommittee; Chairman, Fiscal Review Committee; member: Consumer and Human Resources Committee and Education Committee.

**Awards and Honors:** 2008 NFIB Small Business Person of the Year; 2008 Regional Kiwanis Lay Person of the Year; 2007 Tennessee GOP Party Statesman of the Year; board member, LaunchTN; Holocaust Commission; Second Look Commission.

**Membership History:** 106th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Shelby.

**Religion:** Christian.



## Leigh Wilburn

**District: 94**

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<b>Birth Date:</b>	5/24/1983
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Married; J.D., Nashville School of Law; M.S. Taxation, University of Memphis; B.B.A. Accounting, University of Memphis.

**Community Service:** Secretary of the Board: Fayette County Historical Society; Founding Member: Fayette County Young Republicans; Member: Tri-County Republican Women; Volunteer: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program; Member: Daughters of the American Revolution; United Daughters of the Confederacy; Somerville Rotary Club; NRA; Federalist Society.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Civil Justice Committee; Health Committee; and Civil Justice Subcommittee.

**Membership History:** 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Fayette, McNairy, and part of Hardeman.

**Religion:** Christian. First Presbyterian Church.

## Ryan Williams

**District: 42**

208 North Jefferson Avenue,  
Cookeville, TN 38501



<b>Occupation:</b>	Construction - Business Development
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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Born in Kingsport, Tenn.; graduated with a B.S. in Biology from Carson-Newman College where he met his wife, Abby; married 18 years; two children: Tyson, 13, and Carson, 11.

**Community Service:** Cookeville/Putnam County Chamber of Commerce; After Dark Series; Carson-Newman Soccer alumnus.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Health Subcommittee; Member: Education Instruction and Programs Committee; and Health Committee; Cookeville City Council; Cookeville Planning Commission.

**Membership History:** 107th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Putnam.

**Religion:** Christian.

## John Mark Windle

**District: 41**

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<b>Birth Date:</b>	5/21/1962
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Single
<b>Political Party:</b>	Democrat

**Personal Information:** B.S., Finance, University of Tennessee at Knoxville; J.D., University of Tennessee College of Law; former Assistant District Attorney.

**Community Service:** Member: Post 5062 Veterans of Foreign Wars; Post #4 American Legion; Farm Bureau; currently assigned to Joint Force Headquarters of the Tennessee Army National Guard.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Transportation Committee; and Transportation Subcommittee.

**Membership History:** 97th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Morgan, Jackson, Overton, and part of Fentress.

**Religion:** Christian.



## Tim Wirgau

**District:** 75

245 Savannah Drive, Buchanan, TN 38222

<b>Occupation:</b>	Printing Business Owner
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<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife, Bonnie; children, Brad and Tonya; attended Bronson High School and Glen Oaks Community College.

**Community Service:** Former President: Paris/Henry Chamber of Commerce; Member and former President: Paris Rotary Club; former Vice President: Henry County Helping Hand; former Vice Chairman: Henry County Republican Party; Paris Elks.

**Service in Public Office:** Chairman: Local Government Committee; Member: Business and Utilities Committee; Calendar and Rules Committee; Local Government Subcommittee; and Joint Fiscal Review Committee; former Henry County Commissioner.

**Awards and Honors:** Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year, 2005.

**Membership History:** 107th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Benton, Henry, and Stewart.

**Religion:** Pentecost.



## Rick Womick

**District:** 34

P.O. Box 332, Rockvale, TN 37153

<b>Occupation:</b>	Commercial Airline Pilot
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<b>Birth Date:</b>	7/10/1958
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married
<b>Political Party:</b>	Republican

**Personal Information:** Married for 29 years; four children; Airline Pilot and U.S. Air Force F-15 Fighter Pilot; retired U.S. Air Force with 23 years service; B.S., Education, University of Dayton; U.S. Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training; Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

**Community Service:** Rutherford County Republican Party; Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce; National Rifle Association; Air Force Association; Allied Pilots Association; Focus on the Family; Tennessee Eagle Forum; Boy Scouts of America; World Taekwondo Federation.

**Service in Public Office:** Member: Consumer and Human Resources Committee; Education Administration and Planning Committee; and Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee; Tennessee Energy Task Force; Security Committee.

**Awards and Honors:** Chairman: Rutherford County Republican Party; Eagle Scout.

**Membership History:** 107th through 109th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Rutherford.

**Religion:** New Vision Baptist Church.

# Jason Zachary

**District: 14**

11329 Gates Mill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37934



**Occupation:** Principal and Executive Vice President at Americomm

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**Office Phone:** 615-741-2264

**Birth Date:** 6/29/1977

**Marital Status:** Married

**Political Party:** Republican

**Personal Information:** Wife of sixteen years, Holly; son, Tyson; active at First Baptist Church Concord; coach of recreation-league football and basketball teams; Tusculum College, current.

**Community Service:** Board of Directors, International Sports Consulting; Moderator, First Baptist Church Concord; Partner, Center for Christian Statesmanship on Capitol Hill.

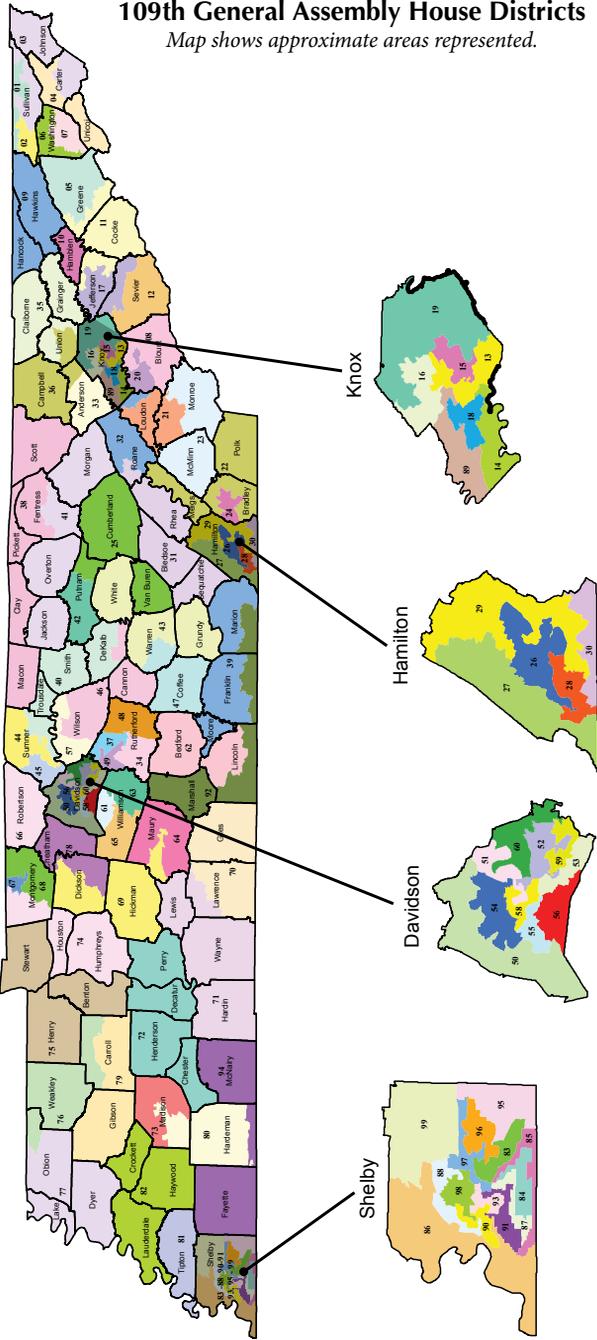
**Membership History:** 109th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Knox.

**Religion:** Baptist.

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District	County	District	County	District	County
1st	Sullivan (in part)	35th	Claiborne, Grainger, and Union (in part)	68th	Montgomery (in part)
2nd	Sullivan (in part)	36th	Anderson (in part), Campbell, and Union (in part)	69th	Dickson (in part), Hickman, and Maury (in part)
3rd	Carter (in part), Johnson, and Sullivan (in part)	37th	Rutherford (in part)	70th	Giles and Lawrence (in part)
4th	Carter (in part) and Unicoi	38th	Clay, Fentress (in part), Macon, Pickett, and Scott	71st	Hardin, Lawrence (in part), Lewis, and Wayne
5th	Greene (in part)	39th	Franklin (in part), Marion (in part), and Moore	72nd	Chester, Decatur, Henderson, and Perry
6th	Washington (in part)	40th	DeKalb (in part), Smith, Sumner (in part), and Trousdale	73rd	Madison (in part)
7th	Washington (in part)	41st	Fentress (in part), Jackson, Morgan, and Overton	74th	Houston, Humphreys, and Montgomery (in part)
8th	Blount (in part)	42nd	Putnam (in part)	75th	Benton, Henry, Stewart
9th	Hancock and Hawkins	43rd	Grundy, Warren (in part), and White	76th	Carrroll (in part), Obion (in part), and Weakley
10th	Hamblen	44th	Sumner (in part)	77th	Dyer, Lake, and Obion (in part)
11th	Cocke, Greene (in part), and Jefferson (in part)	45th	Sumner (in part)	78th	Cheatham and Dickson (in part)
12th	Sevier (in part)	46th	Cannon, DeKalb (in part), and Wilson (in part)	79th	Carrroll (in part) and Gibson
13th	Knox (in part)	47th	Coffee and Warren (in part)	80th	Hardeman (in part) and Madison (in part)
14th	Knox (in part)	48th	Rutherford (in part)	81st	Tipton
15th	Knox (in part)	49th	Rutherford (in part)	82nd	Crockett, Haywood, and Lauderdale
16th	Knox (in part)	50th	Davidson (in part)	83rd	Shelby (in part)
17th	Jefferson (in part) and Sevier (in part)	51st	Davidson (in part)	84th	Shelby (in part)
18th	Knox (in part)	52nd	Davidson (in part)	85th	Shelby (in part)
19th	Knox (in part)	53rd	Davidson (in part)	86th	Shelby (in part)
20th	Blount (in part)	54th	Davidson (in part)	87th	Shelby (in part)
21st	Loudon (in part) and Monroe (in part)	55th	Davidson (in part)	88th	Shelby (in part)
22nd	Bradley (in part), Meigs, Polk	56th	Davidson (in part)	89th	Knox (in part)
23rd	McMinn and Monroe (in part)	57th	Wilson (in part)	90th	Shelby (in part)
24th	Bradley (in part)	58th	Davidson (in part)	91st	Shelby (in part)
25th	Cumberland, Putnam (in part), and Van Buren	59th	Davidson (in part)	92nd	Franklin (in part), Lincoln (in part), Marion (in part), and Marshall
26th	Hamilton (in part)	60th	Davidson (in part)	93rd	Shelby (in part)
27th	Hamilton (in part)	61st	Williamson (in part)	94th	Fayette, Hardeman (in part), and McNairy
28th	Hamilton (in part)	62nd	Bedford and Lincoln (in part)	95th	Shelby (in part)
29th	Hamilton (in part)	63rd	Williamson (in part)	96th	Shelby (in part)
30th	Hamilton (in part)	64th	Maury (in part)	97th	Shelby (in part)
31st	Bledsoe, Rhea, Roane (in part), and Sequachie	65th	Williamson (in part)	98th	Shelby (in part)
32nd	Loudon (in part) and Roane (in part)	66th	Robertson	99th	Shelby (in part)
33rd	Anderson (in part)	67th	Montgomery (in part)		
34th	Rutherford (in part)				



# Joint Staff

## Joint Committees, Commissions, and Councils

Committees to study specific subjects may be created by Senate resolutions, by House resolutions, or by joint action of both houses. Joint committees have been created by statute to meet specific needs as recognized by a majority vote of each house and approved by the governor.

Legislation creating joint committees has generally been enacted on a permanent basis to give continuity to the legislative process and to meet a continuing need for legislative review of the implementation of policies established by the General Assembly.

***Fiscal Review Committee.*** The Fiscal Review Committee was created by statute in 1967 as a special continuing committee of the General Assembly. The committee is composed of six senators and nine representatives, elected by members of the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively. In addition, the speaker of each house and the chairman of the Finance, Ways and Means Committee of each house serve as ex officio members. The committee reviews such items as revenue collections, budget requests, the recommended executive budget, appropriations, work programs, allotments, reserves, impoundments, the state debt, and the condition of various state funds. It prepares estimates of state revenues and revenues from the Tennessee Education Lottery for the State Funding Board. The committee conducts oversight of the fiscal operations of state departments and agencies. The committee also prepares fiscal notes for all general bills or resolutions that are introduced in the General Assembly that have a fiscal effect on state or local government. The committee reviews and provides comments on fee-for-service contracts, including direct purchase authority, interdepartmental grants, revenue contracts, and memoranda of agreement. The committee reviews all audits prepared by the Comptroller of the Treasury and conducts public hearings on significant repeat audit findings.

Fiscal Review Committee members are Representative Mark White, chairman; Senator Bill Ketron, vice chairman; Lieutenant Governor Ron Ramsey, ex officio; Senators Sara Kyle, Brian Kelsey, Steve Southerland, Reginald Tate, and Ken Yager; Senate Finance, Ways and Means Chairman Randy McNally, ex officio; House Speaker Beth Harwell, ex officio; House Finance, Ways and Means Chairman Charles Sargent, ex officio; and Representatives Brenda Gilmore, Susan Lynn, Pat Marsh, Bill Sanderson, Johnnie Shaw, David Shepard, Ron Travis, and Tim Wirgau.

***Joint Legislative Services Committee.*** Created in 1977, this special committee is composed of ten members, with the speaker of each house serving as a co-chairman. Two members of the majority party and two members of the minority party are appointed by the respective speaker to serve on the committee. The committee recommends management, policies, and procedures to be employed in providing services to the General Assembly or either house thereof. The committee appoints the directors of the offices of Legislative Administration, Legal Services, Legislative Information Systems, and Legislative Budget Analysis.

### Office of Legislative Administration

*Connie Ridley, Director*

This office prepares the General Assembly budget; maintains accounting, payroll, and personnel records; provides supplies; disburses funds for General Assembly expenses; provides maintenance services; and oversees the internship program. It is responsible for human resources and administration, including classification and compensation, policy development, employee relations, recruitment and interviewing, work environment, and General Assembly compliance with state and federal employment policies.



### Office of Legal Services



*Karen Garrett, Director of Legal Services and Counsel to the Lieutenant Governor*

*Doug Himes, Director of Legal Services and Counsel to the Speaker of the House*

This office prepares and assists in the preparation of proposed legislation and amendments, reviews legislation, enters all proposed legislation in the legislative database, submits recommendations on defective or anachronistic laws, provides legal and research staff services to legislators and committees

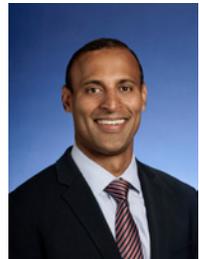


as needed, provides staff services to the Tennessee Code Commission, and advises the General Assembly on provisions of the Tennessee Code Annotated that have been repealed by implication or that have been held unconstitutional by the Tennessee Supreme Court or by the U.S. Supreme Court. During each session, the office provides summaries and abstracts of proposed legislation.

### Office of Legislative Information Services

*Vinay Dattu, Director*

This office operates, maintains, and enhances the General Assembly computer systems and computer network. The legislative website provides current information on the General Assembly and tracks proposed legislation. Technical assistance and training are available to the members and their staff. Additionally, this office sells various publications and copies of pending legislation to a subscriber base.



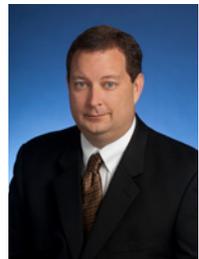
### Office of Legislative Budget Analysis



*Cathy Higgins, House of Representatives Director*

*Rick Nicholson, Senate Director*

This office is responsible for conducting detailed analyses of the state's budget and the status and condition of financing state programs. Other duties include examining and making recommendations on the fiscal effects of public policy decisions of the General Assembly, as well as monitoring federal grants and information management.



**Council on Pensions and Insurance.** This council was created to develop and recommend standards and state policy relating to pensions and insurance for state and local governments within Tennessee. In addition to conducting surveys and studies, the council reviews and recommends actions on legislation presented to the General Assembly that impact pension and insurance matters. This joint committee is composed of the officers of the House and Senate Finance, Ways and Means committees; three members appointed by the chairman from each finance committee; and two members, each appointed by the speaker of the respective houses. The membership also includes, on an ex officio basis, the comptroller of the treasury, the treasurer, the commissioners of Human Resources and Finance and Administration, and the director of the retirement system.

**Tennessee Code Commission.** The commission is responsible for formulating and supervising publication of the Tennessee Code Annotated, the official code as enacted by the 79th General Assembly, with supplemental enactments, amendments, and new laws added by subsequent General Assemblies. The commission may recommend revision of certain statutes to the General Assembly. The commission includes Chairman Sharon G. Lee; executive secretaries: Karen Garrett and Doug Himes; and members: Justice Jeffrey S. Bivins; Susan Short Jones, Esq.; and Attorney General Herbert H. Slatery III.

**The Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR).** TACIR was created by the General Assembly in 1978 to monitor the operation of federal, state, and local governments in Tennessee and to make recommendations for their improvement. The commission is a future-oriented organization concerned with improving the efficiency and effectiveness of governments in the intergovernmental process. TACIR is a permanent, nonpartisan body whose twenty-five members include representatives of the General Assembly, executive branch, and city and county governments, as well as private citizens. Recent policy areas and issues addressed by TACIR include growth policy; public infrastructure needs and inventory; state and local tax system issues; local government tort liability; education financing and accountability; and emergency communications.

In the TACIR statute (Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-10-101 *et seq.*), the commission is directed to study, report on, and make recommendations concerning the current pattern of local government structure and its viability; the powers and functions of local governments, including fiscal powers; the allocation of state and local fiscal resources; the relationship between and among local governments and the state; the role of the state as creator of local governmental entities; and relationship improvement between state and local governments.

Current TACIR commissioners are Senator Mark Norris, chairman; City of Cleveland Mayor Tom Rowland, vice chairman; Legislative Members: Senator Jim Tracy, Senator Jeff Yarbrow, Representative Mike Carter, Representative Harold M. Love, Jr., Representative Antonio Parkinson, and Representative Tim Wirgau; Statutory Members: Senate Finance, Ways and Means Chairman Senator Randy McNally; House Finance, Ways and Means Chairman Representative Charles Sargent; and Comptroller of the Treasury Justin P. Wilson; City Members: Tom Bickers, Louisville; Betsy Crossley, Brentwood; and Kay Senter, Morristown; County Members: Ernest Burgess, Rutherford; Jeff Huffman, Tipton; Kenny McBride, Carroll; and Larry Waters, Sevier; Other Local Government Members: Brent Greer, Tennessee Development District Association; and Charlie Cardwell, County Officials Association of Tennessee; Executive Branch Members: Paula Davis, Assistant Commissioner, Administrative Services, Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD); and Iliff McMahan, Jr., Regional Director, Northeast Tennessee Region, ECD; Private Citizen Members: Christi Gibbs, Nashville; and Ken Young, Franklin.



**Tre Hargett**  
*Secretary of State*

# Department of State

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## Tre Hargett (R)

Secretary of State

Tre Hargett was elected by the Tennessee General Assembly in 2009 to serve as Tennessee's 37th Secretary of State. He was reelected in 2013 to serve a second four-year term. A native of Ripley, Secretary Hargett now lives in Hendersonville with his wife, Dawn, and their two sons. He is a Southern Baptist and worships at Indian Lake Peninsula Church.

Secretary Hargett is the chief executive officer of the department of state. With his role on fifteen boards and commissions, oversight of ten functional divisions, such as elections and administrative procedures, and his responsibility for rules and regulations, the department interacts with all three branches of state government and impacts every agency in the state, accounting for approximately 40,000 employees. Secretary Hargett's oversight of elections impacts all of the state's ninety-five counties and municipalities. The boards and commissions on which he serves include the State Funding Board, the State Building Commission, the Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System, and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. He is the presiding member of the Tennessee Local Development Authority and the Public Records Commission.

Each of Secretary Hargett's responsibilities is integral in the operation of state government, including a role in estimation of revenues upon which the state budget is based, acquisition and disposal of real property, oversight of tens of billions of dollars in employee retirement investments, and establishment of important higher education policies and priorities.

Since being elected secretary of state, Secretary Hargett has made it his continuing priority to increase transparency in state government. He has worked with his colleagues to make the proceedings of numerous boards and commissions more accessible to the public. He promotes a culture that places a premium on customer service and leveraging technology to create efficiencies that result in savings for taxpayers.

The department of state has made measurable progress toward the goals of increased transparency and efficiencies since Secretary Hargett took office. In the department's business services division, Secretary Hargett oversaw the implementation of an online annual report filing system for companies registered in Tennessee, and, under his leadership, it has been expanded to the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC). Charities and solicitors may also now register online through the division of charitable solicitations and gaming.

The department of state also seeks to offer more information than ever before online. The Library and Archives provides an ever-growing wealth of resources online through the Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL). The department's publications division now offers access to the *Tennessee Blue Book* online in addition to the hard-bound copy, making it more easily accessible to all Tennesseans. This division has also worked to create numerous online applications, including an application that makes county-by-county election results available to all Tennesseans in real time as they are reported to the secretary of state on election day.

In 2010, Secretary Hargett was chosen as a Henry Toll Fellow, an honor given to forty of the nation's top state government officials. Additionally, Secretary Hargett was the president of the National Association of Secretaries of State for the 2013–2014 term. In 2015, he received the Buhl Award for dedication to civic education from the Tennessee YMCA Center for Civic Engagement. He serves as chairman of the Republican Secretaries of State Committee of the Republican State Leadership Committee. He is also an active sponsor of National History Day and a co-chair of the Military Child Engagement Committee.

Previously, he served as chairman of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA). Prior to joining the TRA, he was regional vice president for a publicly traded emergency services provider. It was in this role that he had oversight of more than 500 employees and \$50 million in revenue.

Secretary Hargett also served for ten years in the Tennessee House of Representatives, during which time he was twice elected Republican Leader by his colleagues. Secretary Hargett sponsored or co-sponsored numerous bills over the course of his service. He was a driving force behind several measures to increase transparency in government, including requiring an increased electronic disclosure of campaign contributions and increasing the requirements of officials' public statements of interest. He was also the House sponsor of Senate Joint Resolution One, which allowed for a statewide constitutional amendment permitting local governments to initiate property tax relief for senior citizens. Secretary Hargett is a past recipient of the Republican Legislative Campaign Committee Legislator of the Year Award.

Secretary Hargett earned a B.B.A. in accounting with honors from Memphis State University and an M.B.A. from the University of Memphis, where he was honored as Outstanding Young Alumnus in 2010.

## Office of the Secretary of State

The Tennessee Constitution provides that the secretary of state will be elected by a joint session of the General Assembly for a four-year term. The Constitution also mandates that it is the secretary's duty to keep a register of the official acts and proceedings of the governor, and, when required, to "lay same, all papers, minutes, and vouchers relative thereto, before the General Assembly." By authority of the Tennessee Code Annotated, the secretary of state serves as a member of the following state boards and agencies: State Funding Board; Board of Equalization; Board of Claims; State Building Commission; Tennessee Local Development Authority; Tennessee State School Bond Authority; Public Records Commission, chairman; Tennessee Housing Development Agency; Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System, Board of Trustees; State Capitol Commission; Tennessee Higher Education Commission; Chairs of Excellence Trust; State Trust of Tennessee; Baccalaureate Education System Trust; and Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation.

The secretary of state's office keeps all acts and resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, proclamations of the governor, executive orders, and oaths of office.

This office is also required to keep other records as set out by statute. This includes the receipt and recording of all corporate charters and annual reports, receipt of all trademarks, execution of notary commissions, and processing of all state administrative rules and regulations.

In addition to the Capitol office of the secretary of state, located on the first floor of the State Capitol, the department of state is organized into ten functional divisions, nine of which are located in the William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower. The Library and Archives Building houses that division's operations.

The State Election Commission, the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance, and the Economic Council on Women are administratively attached to the department of state for matters relating to receipts, disbursements, expense accounts, budgets, audits, and other related items.

**Capitol Office:** *Jonathan Rummel, Chief of Staff; Mary Beth Thomas, General Counsel; Keith Boring, Policy and Research Director; Adam Ghassemi, Director of Communications; David Topping, Policy Assistant; Tawnie Mathieu, Executive Assistant.* This office supports the secretary of state in the direction, coordination, and supervision of the various operating divisions within the department of state.

**Division of Administrative Procedures:** *J. Richard Collier, Director.* This division provides administrative judges to conduct contested case hearings for state administrative agencies. The division also develops uniform rules of procedure for the conduct of those hearings. This division is required to assist state agencies in complying with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act and contracts with local governments to conduct contested case hearings.

**Division of Business Services:** *Nathan Burton, Director; Kevin Rayburn, Assistant Director.* This division executes the processing and record keeping duties of the secretary of state relating to the following areas:

- Apostilles and Authentications
- Athlete Agent Registration
- Corporations
- General Partnerships
- Limited Liability Companies
- Limited Liability Partnerships
- Limited Partnerships
- Mine Foreman Certificates
- Motor Vehicle Temporary Liens
- Nonresident Fiduciary Appointments
- Service of Process
- State Deeds and Leases
- Trademarks
- Uniform Commercial Code
- Workers' Compensation Exemption Registrations

**Division of Charitable Solicitations and Gaming:** *Brent Culberson, Director; Tabatha Blackwell, Assistant Director.* This division is responsible for the registration and regulation of charitable organizations that solicit contributions within the state of Tennessee, as well as professional solicitors and professional fund raising counsels that assist charitable organizations in those activities. The division reviews annual gaming event applications, determines qualifying applicants for annual gaming events for approval by the General Assembly, and regulates those annual events. The division also regulates catastrophic illness trusts.

**Division of Elections:** *Mark Goins, Coordinator; Elizabeth Henry-Robertson, Assistant Coordinator.* The coordinator of elections position was created in 1959 by the General Assembly and is appointed by the secretary of state. Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-11-201 states, "...he shall obtain and maintain uniformity in the application, operation, and interpretation of the election code."

The coordinator interprets questions of the law for the benefit of all election officials; reviews election law legislation, suggesting amendments and revisions to the General Assembly; and prepares the election manual and election handbooks for use by election officials. He is responsible for the uniformity of election procedures throughout the state and for coordinating the activities of county election commissions. The coordinator, upon the approval of the secretary of state, may promulgate rules and regulations necessary to comply with requirements of the election code. The division also certifies county administrators and provides training to county election commissions.

**Division of Fiscal and Administrative Services:** *Rose Case, Director; Barbara DeHarde, Assistant Director.* This division provides the general administrative services necessary to support the department. These include budgeting, accounting, procurement, payroll, and other administrative and financial services.

**Division of Human Resources and Organizational Development:** *Margaret C. Bahou, Director (effective until 9-14-15); June Moore, Human Resources Coordinator.* This division manages the department's staffing, benefits, employee relations, policies, and compliance. Staff provides support for internal Human Resources programs as well as external outreach for recruiting.

**Division of Information Systems:** *Joni Kies, Director; Greg Harris, Assistant Director.* This division is responsible for all information technology services that support the department. This includes information systems and technology planning, project development and implementation, technical support, network and telephone administration, and procurement assistance. The information systems division provides services for department of state offices in the William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, the State Capitol, and the Tennessee State Library and Archives buildings, along with regional and public libraries located across the state.

**Division of Publications:** *Cody Ryan York, Director; Robert A. Greene, Assistant Director.* This division publishes the *Tennessee Blue Book* and *Public and Private Acts of the General Assembly*. The division also maintains the department's website, which includes the *Tennessee Administrative Register*, the compilation of *Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee*, reports required by the Open Appointments Act, notary commissions, and other filings required by law.

**Records Management:** *Kevin Callaghan, Director.* This division serves as the primary records management agency for the state and provides professional consultative and analytical records management leadership to agencies. This support assists with the disposition, retention, and destruction of records.

**Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA):** *Charles A. Sherrill, State Librarian and Archivist; Ashley Bowers, Assistant State Librarian for Administration; Dr. Wayne C. Moore, Assistant State Archivist.* The Tennessee State Library and Archives collects and preserves books and records of historical, documentary, and reference value and encourages and promotes library development throughout the state. The following is a description of some of the important work of TSLA.

**Public Services.** This section makes available collections of the State Library and Archives, including official government records and publications, manuscripts, books, periodicals, current and historical newspapers, photographs, maps, and charts. It provides reference services to state government, historians, genealogists, and the general public. Services include bibliographic searching, copies and mail orders, and interlibrary loans.

**Archival Technical Services.** This section preserves, arranges, and describes permanent records of the state and private manuscripts relating to Tennessee history for public examination.

*Archives Development.* This section provides training and consultation for government officials, historians, archivists, and others interested in establishing records and archive programs.

*Legislative History and Recording.* This section provides Tennesseans access to the audio recordings of the proceedings of the General Assembly, including all committees and subcommittees.

*Library Technical Services.* This section acquires and processes materials, manages the online catalog, and maintains print collections.

*Planning and Development.* This section administers the Tennessee Regional Library System, which includes nine multi-county regional libraries and four single-county metropolitan regions. Staff members provide assistance to regional and local library staff and library boards in library construction, programming for special audiences, continuing education, library management, technology, and library development.

*Preservation Services.* This section provides microfilming services to state and local government and the public. Various types of photographic prints, negatives, and duplicate copies of microfilmed records are available to the public. Staff utilize state-of-the-art techniques to restore and preserve valuable books and documents housed in the State Library and Archives.

*The Tennessee Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.* This section cooperates with the National Library Service of the Library of Congress to provide free public library services for Tennesseans who are unable to read standard print due to a visual or physical disability. All materials are circulated through the mail, postage-free. The staff provides reader advisory and information referral services by telephone or mail. Catalogs, bibliographies, and bimonthly updates are provided.

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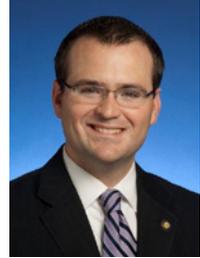
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## Administratively Attached Entities

**State Election Commission**†. The State Election Commission is composed of seven members—four from the political party holding a majority of seats in the General Assembly and three from the minority party. These individuals are elected for a term of four years. This is the only commission in Tennessee state government that is elected wholly by the General Assembly.

To be eligible to serve on the State Election Commission, one must be at least twenty-five years old, a resident of this state for at least seven years, and a resident of the grand division of the state from which he or she seeks election for at least four years preceding the election.

On the first Monday in April in odd-numbered years, the State Election Commission appoints five county election commissioners for every county in the state, three from the majority party and two from the minority party. The state commissioners monitor the activities and performance of the county election commissioners and shall remove a county election commissioner for violation of the oath of office or if that person is no longer qualified to hold the position.

The commission works very closely with the coordinator of elections toward the common goal of maintaining uniformity in elections and preserving the purity of the ballot.



State Election Commissioners are (left to right) Kent Younce, LaFollette; Judy Blackburn, Morristown; Greg Duckett, Memphis; Donna Barrett, Murfreesboro; James H. Wallace, Jr., Jackson; Tom Wheeler, Clinton; and Mike McDonald, Portland.

**Executive Director Drew Rawlins***Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance*†

This bureau was created in 2009 by passage of Public Chapter 556 and consists of two divisions: Registry of Election Finance and Tennessee Ethics Commission. The twelve-member board consists of the six-member Registry of Election Finance board and the six-member Tennessee Ethics Commission board. The bureau is responsible for collection of campaign financial disclosure reports for state candidates; disclosure of interest statements for legislative, state, and local elected officials; the registration of lobbyists and employers of lobbyists and the filing of employer of lobbyist disclosure reports; and the interpretation and enforcement of certain prohibitions on gifts and campaign contributions.

**Executive Director Phyllis Qualls-Brooks***Tennessee Economic Council on Women*†

The Tennessee Economic Council on Women was created in 1998 by the 100th General Assembly to address the economic concerns and needs of women in Tennessee. The Council is made up of a twenty-one-member board appointed by the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Legislative Black and Women’s caucuses, respectively, with a staff that reports to the board. The Economic Council conducts research, holds hearings, develops recommendations for policy, educates the public, and engages in activities for the benefit of women, children, and families, holistically. In addition to annual research on various issues, the Economic Council produces the “Status of Women in Tennessee Counties” and a “Biennial Report.”

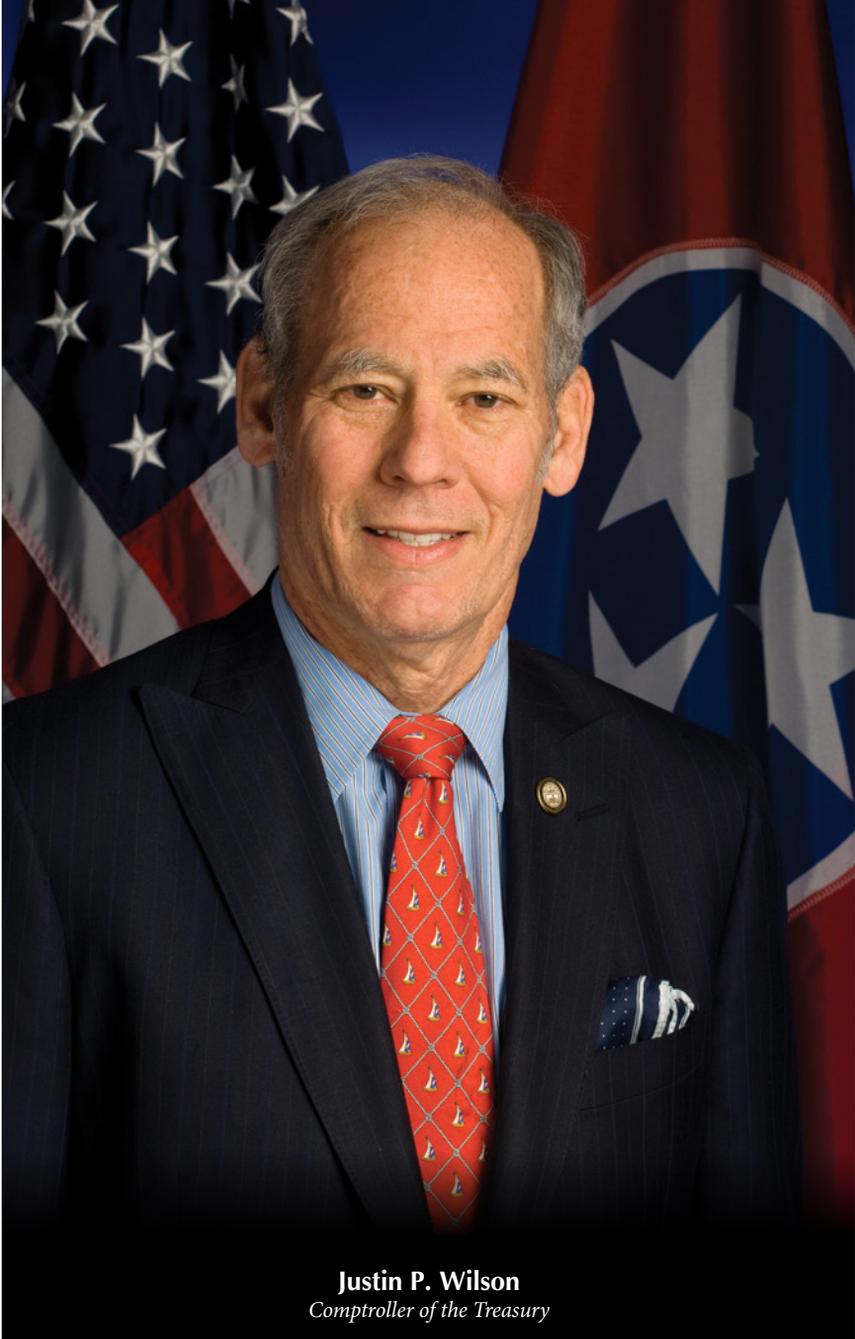


The Economic Council is an advocate for women. It assesses Tennessee women’s economic status, developing and advocating for solutions to address women’s economic needs and to help them achieve economic autonomy. Additionally, the Economic Council consults with the General Assembly, administration, and other entities on matters pertaining to women in order to provide novel, state-specific information for policy development.

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† The Secretary of State’s office provides only administrative support to these entities.





**Justin P. Wilson**  
*Comptroller of the Treasury*

# Comptroller of the Treasury

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## Justin P. Wilson (R)

Comptroller of the Treasury

Justin P. Wilson is the 34th Comptroller of the Treasury for the state of Tennessee. He leads a staff of more than 500 employees and sets direction for the Office's eleven divisions. Comptroller Wilson was elected by the Tennessee General Assembly in 2009, and he is currently serving his fourth term.

Comptroller Wilson has a history of public service. He served as commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and as deputy to the governor for policy under former Governor Don Sundquist. He was a member of the Financial Advisory Board of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He is a former chairman of the Nashville Electric Board, Davidson County Metropolitan Health Board, and Community Health Agency of Nashville and Davidson County. He was foreman of the Davidson County Grand Jury, and he has served in leadership positions for numerous Nashville business, civic, and charitable organizations.

Comptroller Wilson was also a partner in the law firm of Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, where he served on its Executive Committee. He is a graduate of Stanford University, Vanderbilt University School of Law, and New York University. He is an adjunct professor of law at Vanderbilt Law School.

Comptroller Wilson was named Conservationist of the Year in 1997, and the Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Park is named in recognition of his "conservation and environmental contributions to the State of Tennessee."

Comptroller Wilson is married to Dr. Barbara Engelhardt, and he is the father of four sons.

## Office of the Comptroller

The Comptroller of the Treasury is a constitutional officer elected by the General Assembly for a term of two years. State statutes prescribe his duties, the most important of which relate to audit of state and local government entities and participation in the general financial and administrative management of state government.

The Comptroller is a member of the Advisory Council on State Procurement, Basic Education Program Review Committee, Board of Claims, Chairs of Excellence Endowment Fund, Council on Children's Mental Health, Council on Pension and Insurance (non-voting), Emergency Communications Board, Health Services and Development Agency, Information Systems Council,

Local Education Insurance Committee, Local Government Insurance Committee, Procurement Commission, Public Records Commission, State Board of Equalization, State Building Commission, State Capitol Commission, State Funding Board, State Insurance Committee, State Trust of Tennessee Board of Directors, Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Tennessee Alliance for Fitness and Health, Tennessee Baccalaureate Education System Trust, Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System Board of Trustees, Tennessee Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health, Tennessee Higher Education Commission, Tennessee Highway Officials Certification Board, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, Tennessee Interagency Cash Flow Committee, Tennessee Local Development Authority, Tennessee State School Bond Authority, Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation, TRICOR Board Certification Committee, Tuition Guaranty Fund Board, Utility Management Review Board, and Water and Wastewater Financing Board.

The Office of the Comptroller is organized to carry out its responsibilities as follows:

**Division of Administration: Jason E. Mumpower, Chief of Staff.** This division provides direction, coordination, and supervision to the various divisions within the Comptroller's office, oversees the office's legislative efforts and external communications, and coordinates with the executive branch on statewide issues. It includes the Office of General Counsel, as well as the Special Investigations Unit. The Office of General Counsel provides legal guidance to the agency's divisions, serves as a liaison to the Office of the Attorney General and Reporter, and provides legal representation in judicial and administrative proceedings. The Special Investigations Unit investigates allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse in state and local governments and other publicly funded entities within Tennessee with strong indications of fraud present and a substantial potential for criminal prosecution. The Comptroller's Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Hotline is part of the division.

**Office of Management Services: Melinda K. Parton, Director.** This office provides administrative, technical, and support services to the divisions of the Comptroller's office in areas of accounting, budgeting, human resources, and internal communications. The office assists the Comptroller in policy and procurement oversight matters and provides staff to certain boards and commissions, such as the State Building Commission, Procurement Commission, Advisory Council on State Procurement, Certification Committee, and Board of Claims.

**Division of Technology Solutions: Tricia Kitchens, Director.** This division is responsible for all information and technology services that support the Office of the Comptroller. This includes information systems and technology planning, project development and implementation, technical support, and network and telephone administration. The division provides staff to the Information Systems Council and Local Government Data Processing Corporation.

**Department of Audit:** The Department of Audit is composed of two divisions: State Audit and Local Government Audit. The Comptroller's Office is responsible for informing taxpayers of a governmental entity's financial position, compliance with applicable statutes, grant agreements, rules and regulations, and/or its past record of efficiency and effectiveness through the audit divisions. These audits are performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards (Yellow Book).

**Division of State Audit: Deborah V. Loveless, Director.** The Division of State Audit aids the legislature in ensuring that state government is accountable to the citizens of Tennessee. This division annually audits the Tennessee Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which encompasses all departments, agencies, and units of the state, including those such as colleges, universities, and community service agencies that do not participate in the state's centralized accounting system. To meet the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984 and applicable Office of Management

and Budget circulars, the division builds upon results of the financial audit to study internal controls used in administering financial assistance programs and to report on compliance with federal and state laws and regulations. The division contracts with the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of TennCare, to provide administrative support, review financial information, establish nursing facility rates, and perform reviews for the TennCare program. Performance audits are conducted on a selected and as-needed basis to assist the Joint Government Operations Committee of the General Assembly in carrying out its responsibilities under the Sunset Law. Additionally, the Financial and Compliance Investigations Unit is administratively housed in the division. The unit conducts investigations that support the financial and compliance audit report timelines of both the Division of State Audit and the Division of Local Government Audit.

**Division of Local Government Audit: Jim Arnette, Director.** The Division of Local Government Audit is responsible for the annual audits of Tennessee's ninety-five counties. Division staff currently conduct audits in eighty-nine counties. Audits in the remaining six counties are conducted by public accounting firms. County audits include the various offices, departments, and entities of county government. The division also ensures municipalities, public internal school funds, special school districts, certain quasi-governmental entities, utility districts, housing authorities, and charter schools, as well as certain nonprofit and for-profit organizations receiving funds from the State of Tennessee, are audited as required by state statute. These audits are performed by public accounting firms. Division staff review audit reports and selected audit working papers of these firms for compliance with generally accepted government auditing standards, reporting requirements, state and federal statutes, and certain standards prescribed by the Comptroller. The division also provides requested assistance and information to citizens, auditors, public officials, and policymakers at all levels of government.

**Office of State and Local Finance: Sandi Thompson, Director.** The Office of State and Local Finance manages financial functions for state and local governments. This division is responsible for supporting three of the debt-issuing entities of the State and managing the debt, once issued. The division is also responsible for approving the budgets and debt obligations of certain local governments; approving certain investments authorized for local governments; reviewing information forms relating to municipal debt; and otherwise assisting local governments in the area of municipal finance. The division serves as staff for the State Funding Board, State School Bond Authority, Tennessee Local Development Authority, and Bond Finance Committee of the Tennessee Housing Development Agency. In addition to these responsibilities, the division provides staffing and technical advice to the Water and Wastewater Financing Board and the Utility Management Review Board.

**Offices of Research and Education Accountability: Russell Moore, Director.** The Offices of Research and Education Accountability provide the General Assembly with objective and reliable policy research. This division publishes reports, at the request of the Comptroller and General Assembly, designed to serve as resource documents for legislators and the legislative staff, including the performance of Tennessee's elementary and secondary school systems. This division assists with preparation of fiscal notes for the Fiscal Review Committee, monitors legislation, and analyzes the budget.

**Division of Property Assessments: Susan Gullette, Director of Systems and Administrations; Don Osborne, Director of Assessments and Field Operations.** The Division of Property Assessments ensures the effective administration of Tennessee's property tax. The division is responsible for assisting local governments in assessment of property for tax purposes throughout

the state; monitoring the Statewide Reassessment Programs; conducting the Statewide Biennial Appraisal Ratio Study; coordinating the State Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal System; and producing annual tax billing materials. Under the direction of the State Board of Equalization, this division conducts the Assessor Training Program and prepares assessment guidelines and manuals. This division also administers the Property Tax Relief Program, which provides reimbursements to low-income elderly, disabled persons, and disabled veterans or their surviving spouses. Counties and municipalities adopting the Property Tax Freeze Program also receive administrative services and assistance under this division.

**Office of Local Government: Susan Gullette, Director.** The Office of Local Government develops and uses Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology to assist the Comptroller's office and local assessors of property in daily operations. The division serves as the liaison to the U.S. Census Bureau's Local Redistricting Data Program and produces digital maps as well as county commission districts and voting precinct maps.

**Office of State Assessed Properties: Gary Harris, Director.** The Office of State Assessed Properties is responsible for the annual appraisal, assessment, and audits of all public utility and transportation properties as prescribed in Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-5-1301. Assessments are certified to counties, cities, and other taxing jurisdictions for the billing and collection of property taxes. This division also administers the Telecommunications Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund as prescribed in Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-6-222.

**State Board of Equalization: Kelsie Jones, Executive Secretary.** The State Board of Equalization establishes policy and provides quasi-judicial review of property tax assessments, rates, and exemptions. The Board is responsible for assuring constitutional and statutory compliance in assessments of property for ad valorem taxes. This responsibility is carried out through establishment of policies, rules, and manuals governing local assessment practices and training for assessment officials; hearing of appeals from county boards of equalization regarding local assessments; direct review and hearing of appeals regarding central assessments of public utility companies; review of applications for religious, charitable, and related property tax exemptions; review of certified tax rate calculations from jurisdictions undergoing revaluation; and regulation of property tax appeals agents and agent practices. Subsidiary boards appointed by the state board for intermediate review are the Assessment Appeals Commission and the Taxpayer Agent Regulatory Panel.

## Comptroller's Staff

### Jason E. Mumpower

#### *Chief of Staff*

As Chief of Staff for the Comptroller's Office, Jason E. Mumpower is responsible for the overall management of the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, which is composed of eleven divisions and more than 500 employees. Additionally, he serves as a liaison to the General Assembly, representing the Comptroller on several boards and commissions, including the Advisory Council on State Procurement and the Tennessee Housing Development Agency.

Prior to assuming his leadership role within the Comptroller's Office in December of 2010, Mumpower served as the State Representative for Sullivan and Johnson counties in the Tennessee General Assembly. First



elected to office at age twenty-three, Mumpower, during his fourteen-year tenure, held the positions of House Majority Leader and House Minority Leader.

Mumpower has received numerous awards and recognitions during his career, including being named Legislator of the Year by several organizations, on multiple occasions, such as the County Officials Association, First Tennessee Development District, Tennessee Realtors Association, and the Tennessee Association of Marriage and Family Therapists.

He is a graduate of King College with a major in economics and a minor in political science. In June 2013, he graduated from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government Senior Executives in State and Local Government program.

Jason is married to Alicia Mumpower. They are the proud parents of one son, Max.



**Lauren V. Plunk**  
Deputy Chief of Staff



**Stephanie Maxwell**  
General Counsel



**Bettye L. Stanton**  
Executive Secretary



**John Dunn**  
Public Information Officer



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**Jim Arnette**  
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**Sandi Thompson**  
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Operations



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Director, State Assessed  
Properties



**Kelsie Jones**  
Executive Secretary,  
State Board of Equalization

## Related Boards and Commissions

**State Funding Board.** This board has responsibility for issuing all state general obligation bonds and notes authorized by the General Assembly and administering and accounting for payment of principal and interest on such debt. The board is authorized to establish the state's cash management policy and state funds investment policy and is required to comment on the reasonableness of the estimated growth rate of the state's economy as presented in the Tennessee econometric model. Annually, the board conducts hearings open to the public to develop consensus estimates of state revenues as part of the budgetary process. The board receives reports on certain information from debt issuers at the primary offering of debt. The board is further authorized to make loans for the relocation of certain utility system distribution lines.

**Tennessee Local Development Authority (TLDA).** The TLDA is delegated the responsibility for issuing its bonds and notes to provide funds to make loans to local governments for water and sewer facilities and to make loans for various other purposes. The TLDA, in conjunction with the Department of Environment and Conservation, administers the state's Revolving Loan Fund.

**Tennessee State School Bond Authority (TSSBA).** The TSSBA is delegated the responsibility for issuing its bonds and notes to provide funds to make loans to state institutions of higher learning to construct revenue-producing facilities and for reviewing for approval any independent borrowings of the Tennessee Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee. The TSSBA is authorized to issue qualified zone academy bonds and qualified school construction bonds to provide funds to make loans to local governments for certain educational projects.

**Utility Management Review Board (UMRB).** The UMRB supports natural gas, water, and wastewater public utility districts by assuring that they are financially self-supporting and by requiring appropriate action by those districts that have financial or technical deficiencies. The board also acts as liaison for complaints by utility district customers, authorizes the creation of new utility districts, and manages ouster proceedings for utility district commissioners related to fraud, attendance, or training. The board annually establishes the maximum water loss percentage.

**Water and Wastewater Financing Board (WWFB).** The WWFB supports municipal water and sewer enterprises by ensuring the legislative objective that public water and wastewater systems are self-supporting. Local water and sewer enterprises that fail these tests are placed under the

jurisdiction of the WWFB, which requires those systems to take appropriate actions to correct any deficiencies that may exist. The board annually establishes the maximum water loss percentage.

**Ann Butterworth**

*Open Records Counsel*

**Office of Open Records Counsel**

The Office of Open Records Counsel serves to answer questions and provide information to citizens, media, and public officials regarding public records and open meetings, as well as to provide educational outreach. Additionally, the office collects data on open meetings law inquiries and problems. The office assists in mediating and resolving public records issues. The office establishes policies and guidelines and is assisted by the Advisory Committee on Open Government.



**Richard Wilson**

*Small Business Advocate*

**Office of Small Business Advocate**

The Office of Small Business Advocate serves as a point of contact to state government for Tennessee’s small business owners. The office provides information and answers questions for owners of businesses with fifty or fewer employees. The office may act as an informal mediator to help resolve issues involving small businesses and state departments and agencies.



**Nneka Norman-Gordon**

*Higher Education Resource Officer*

**Office of the Higher Education Resource Officer**

Public Chapter 453 of the Acts of 2013 funded the creation of the Office of the Higher Education Resource Officer within the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury. The primary function of the office is to answer questions and provide information to Tennesseans who are faculty, staff, or employees of Tennessee’s higher education systems and institutions. The office is also responsible for reviewing and evaluating higher education policy. It serves as an informal mediator to help resolve issues involving higher education faculty, staff, and employees and higher education systems and institutions.



Legislative Branch



**David H. Lillard, Jr.**  
*Treasurer*

# Treasury Department

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## David H. Lillard, Jr. (R)

Treasurer

David H. Lillard, Jr., has served as Tennessee State Treasurer since his election by the Tennessee General Assembly in January 2009. A lifelong Republican, Treasurer Lillard has extensive professional experience in public and private corporate finance transactions, municipal finance, governmental budgeting, and related fields.

Under his leadership, the Tennessee Treasury Department internally manages investments in domestic equities, fixed income, private equity, real estate, and strategic lending valued at approximately \$45 billion throughout the year. Additionally, Treasury directs multiple state programs with a staff of approximately 260 employees and a department budget of \$35 million. The Treasury Investments Division achieves investment returns consistent with its peers while maintaining an investment expense and administration expense that is among the lowest in the Southeast.

Treasurer Lillard has worked to improve the financial standing of the state and the financial quality of life for Tennessee's citizens. His achievements include restructuring the state pension fund to an adjustable hybrid plan—one of the most innovative reforms in the nation—to provide a cost-effective, sufficient, and sustainable retirement benefit. The state's pension plan, the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS), serves over 350,000 Tennesseans, including all state employees, many higher education employees, K-12 public school teachers, and many local governmental entities. Under his leadership, Tennessee became the first state to enact a requirement that all defined-benefit public pension plans offered by public entities must annually fund 100% of the Actuarially Determined Contribution and must adhere to certain recognized standards in plan management.

Further innovations established during his tenure include the TNStars College Savings 529 Program and the Tennessee Financial Literacy Commission. TNStars is a low-cost investment program recognized for offering economical and high-performing investment options for Tennessee families to save for the cost of post-secondary education. The Tennessee Financial Literacy Commission trains Tennessee elementary and middle school teachers to integrate basic financial concepts into the existing curriculum and delivers other programs to raise the financial competency of Tennesseans.

Treasurer Lillard was elected by state treasurers from across the nation as president of the National Association of State Treasurers (NAST) in 2015. NAST is the premier national organization that provides advocacy and support for state treasurers and treasury staff throughout

the United States and its territories. Treasurer Lillard has also served as chair of the State Debt Management Network and chair of the Banking/Cash Management Committee. He is also currently a member of the National Executive Committee of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT). In 2012, he was a recipient of the NASACT President's Award, recognizing his outstanding service.

Treasurer Lillard is an attorney who earned his J.D. degree at the University of Memphis as well as a Master of Laws in Taxation (LL.M. in Taxation) from the University of Florida. He practiced business law for over twenty-five years in the private sector, specializing in finance, securities, health, and tax law. He served as counsel in equity and debt securities offerings and mergers and acquisitions transactions. He also practiced municipal law, focusing on the fields of economic development and municipal finance. During his law practice, Treasurer Lillard was listed in multiple editions of *The Best Lawyers in America* and achieved an AV peer rating by Martindale-Hubbell. He served as a Shelby County Commissioner, was chairman of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners, and served as president of the Tennessee County Commissioners Association. Before his election to the Shelby County Commission, he served as a Shelby County Election Commissioner for nine years.

Treasurer Lillard was raised in Tennessee. He is married to Patricia Newton and has three children, Scott Lillard, Brooke Lillard, and stepdaughter Rachel Newton. He is a lifelong United Methodist and member of Christ United Methodist Church in Memphis.

## Tennessee Department of Treasury

The State Treasurer is a constitutional officer elected every two years in a joint session of the Tennessee General Assembly. The Treasurer is charged with various responsibilities, most relating to the financial operations of state government, including managing over \$50 billion in assets through its various investment programs. The Tennessee Treasury Department is responsible for receiving, investing, and disbursing public funds, as well as managing all state investments, including the pension fund. The Treasurer is a member of more than thirty boards and commissions. Treasury directs multiple state programs with a staff of approximately 260 employees and a department budget of approximately \$35 million. Treasury staff includes many highly skilled employees with professional certifications in their fields, including Certified Public Accountants (CPA), Chartered Financial Analysts (CFA), Chartered Alternative Investment Analysts (CAIA), Certified Treasury Professionals (CTP), Certified Financial Planners (CFP), Certified Fraud Examiners (CFE), and Certified Employee Benefit Specialists (CEBS).

## Treasury Investment Division

The Treasury's Investment Division uses an in-house staff composed of fourteen CFAs and other staff with extensive education, professional training, and certifications to manage its investments. This team includes members with substantial institutional investor experience in both the public and private sectors. The department achieves investment returns consistent with those of its peers while maintaining an investment expense that is among the lowest in the Southeast.

**Selected funds managed internally by the Treasury Investment Division:**

- **Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) Trust**—The largest fund managed by Treasury is the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System Trust. Investment objectives for TCRS are to obtain the highest available return on investments consistent with the preservation of the principal, while maintaining sufficient liquidity to react to the changing environment and pay beneficiaries in a timely manner. The market value of the TCRS fund as of June 30, 2015 was approximately \$43.4 billion.
- **State Pooled Investment Fund (SPIF) and the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)**—The Treasury Department manages state and local governments' short-term investments through a program known as the State Pooled Investment Fund (SPIF) and Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP). The SPIF, with a June 30, 2015 balance of approximately \$9.3 billion, includes the state's cash, dedicated reserves, and trust funds, and the balance of the LGIP of \$2.86 billion provides short-term cash management to local governments.
- **Tennessee Promise Endowment Trust**—Treasury also manages the funds and produces investment income for the Tennessee Promise Endowment Trust. Established by the 108th General Assembly, Tennessee Promise provides students a last-dollar scholarship to a Tennessee Community College or Tennessee College of Applied Technology, meaning the scholarship will cover tuition and fees not covered by the Pell grant, the HOPE scholarship, or TSAA funds. As of June 30, 2015, the Tennessee Promise Endowment Trust had a market value of \$377.6 million.
- **Chairs of Excellence Trust**—Treasury manages the funds and produces investment income for the Chairs of Excellence Trust. The trust provides funds for state colleges and universities to contract with persons of regional or national prominence to teach in specified academic areas. Funding for the program is provided through contributions made by private donors and matching amounts by the state.

## Financial Empowerment Division

The Treasury Financial Empowerment Division is tasked with engaging members of the state's retirement plans, political subdivisions, and citizens of Tennessee to increase education, participation, and the attainment of financial literacy, financial wellness, and retirement readiness. This empowers citizens to make sound financial decisions in their daily lives. These programs include Retire Ready Tennessee, TNStars College Savings 529 Program, the Tennessee Financial Literacy Commission, and ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) TN.

### **Retire Ready Tennessee**—*RetireReadyTN.org*

One of the main responsibilities of the Tennessee Treasury Department is administering and managing the state's retirement plan. The retirement plan is a combination of a defined-benefit plan and a deferred compensation plan. The plan provides a pension for employees of state government, K–12 public school teachers, many higher education employees, participating local government entities, and school districts across Tennessee. The defined-benefit plan is managed by the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS). There are more than 350,000 members, both active and retired, in TCRS. The deferred compensation plan consists of the state's 401(k)

and 457 plans. Employees can select from multiple high-quality investment options. Treasury representatives offer participant financial education to help members make appropriate financial choices through all stages of life in order to be financially ready at retirement.

#### **TNStars College Savings 529 Program**—*TNStars.com*

The TNStars College Savings 529 Program (TNStars) is Tennessee's own tax-advantaged educational savings plan. The Tennessee Treasury Department created this program due to the need for a highly skilled workforce and the role that higher education plays in achieving that goal. As a 529 plan, qualified withdrawals are free from federal income tax, and there is favorable treatment of contributions to the plan for both federal gift and estate tax purposes.

- TNStars offers parents, grandparents, and other family members and friends a simple way to save and invest for future college expenses.
- Money saved in the program may be used at any qualified institution of higher education that accepts federal financial aid, in-state or out-of-state, and even some schools abroad.
- The plan offers an array of individual investment options, ranging from conservative to aggressive. The plan also offers an age-based track where the allocation becomes more conservative as the child approaches college. All the products are offered at a competitive fee.

#### **Tennessee Financial Literacy Commission**—*TNFCLC.org*

The Tennessee Financial Literacy Commission (TNFCLC) was created by an act of the General Assembly in 2010, with the mission to equip Tennesseans to make sound financial decisions when it comes to planning, saving, and investing. The Commission is currently working toward this goal by training elementary and middle school teachers in the Financial Fitness for Life curriculum and by providing that curriculum free for use in the classroom.

- The Board of Directors of the TNFCLC is chaired by the State Treasurer. Other members include the commissioners of the departments of Education and Financial Institutions, and eight other Tennesseans appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- The Commission trains teachers through in-service days and training summits held throughout the state. The Commission is working to expand programs to get financial literacy education into every classroom in Tennessee.
- Over half of the TNFCLC's budget comes from donations by Tennessee businesses and individuals who are committed to changing the financial culture of the state.

#### **ABLE TN**—*AbleTN.gov*

The 109th General Assembly approved the Achieving a Better Life Experience Act to create an ABLE program in Tennessee, in accordance with federal legislation. ABLE TN will encourage and assist individuals and families to save private funds to support individuals with disabilities by offering tax-advantaged investment plans for disabled individuals to pay for expenses, including, but not limited to, education, housing, transportation, employment training and support, assistive technology, personal support services, and funeral and burial expenses. The private funds saved

through ABLE TN will supplement benefits provided through private insurance, Medicaid benefits, Supplemental Security Income, and the account beneficiary's income, as well as any other sources.

## Program Services Division

### **Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS)**—*Treasury.tn.gov/TCRS*

The TCRS is the largest administrative function in the Treasury Department, performing the record keeping benefits payment, employer reporting, employer contribution payment, and all related administrative functions necessary to operate the retirement system, which serves over 350,000 active and retired state, higher education, K–12 public teacher, and participating local government participants. TCRS Administration has won multiple awards, including, for twenty-seven consecutive years, the Certificate for Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. The TCRS has also been recognized by a major bond-rating agency as the sixth-best funded state public pension plan in the United States. For the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2015, TCRS paid total benefits payments of \$2.2 billion, with approximately \$2.1 billion in benefits being paid to residents of Tennessee.

### **Unclaimed Property Program**—*Treasury.tn.gov/unclaim*

Unclaimed property results when a holder entity is unable to connect money, securities, or other intangible property with the owner, and the entity is then required by the unclaimed property law to turn the money over to the state treasurer. The Treasury's Unclaimed Property Division then utilizes multiple techniques to reunite the unclaimed property with its rightful owner, including newspaper advertising throughout the state, website listings, and mailings. There is more than \$600 million in unclaimed property currently being held by the Tennessee Treasury Department waiting to be returned to rightful owners. The Unclaimed Property Division has a success rate of approximately sixty percent in returning property to its rightful owner for unclaimed property that is turned over with an owner's name. In the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2015, Treasury returned \$40.4 million to citizens. Treasury provides a searchable online database of the owners' names, and Tennesseans are encouraged to use the tool at [www.claimitn.gov](http://www.claimitn.gov) to claim their funds.

### **Claims Administration and Risk Management**—

*Treasury.tn.gov/ClaimsAdmin* and *Treasury.tn.gov/risk*

Claims Administration processes claims against the state for tort and state and higher education employee workers' compensation. In the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2015, approximately 6,670 claims were administratively processed and disposed of by Claims Administration. In addition to the claims determined by Claims Administration, certain claims are determined by the Board of Claims, which is chaired by the state treasurer. Additionally, certain types of claims against the state are adjudicated by the Tennessee Claims Commission, which is composed of one commissioner from each grand division of the state, each of whom is appointed by the governor.

Risk Management is responsible for identifying the state's property and casualty risks, investigating claims, and initiating appropriate risk-avoidance and mitigation initiatives to control losses. The division administers the state's self-insured Risk Management Fund and additional property and casualty insurance that the state purchases to insure certain risks. As of July 1, 2015, the state's total insured property value was \$20.6 billion.

**Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund**—*Treasury.tn.gov/injury*

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Program provides financial assistance to victims of crimes or, in the case of the victim’s death, their dependent relatives. Payments made under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Program are intended to assist with the costs of medical services, loss of earnings, burial costs, and other financial losses incurred as a direct result of personal injuries sustained by a criminal offense. Eligible crimes generally include, but are not limited to, homicide, aggravated assault, sexual assault, robbery by force, and drunk driving. The Treasury Department paid \$12.6 million in claims during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2015.

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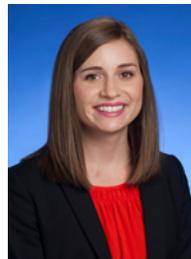
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