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 collects. 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 ninety-nine members in the House and prohibiting the Senate membership from exceeding one-third of the House membership. Thus, the Senate has thirty-three members. Within the other forty-eight bicameral state assemblies (Nebraska is the only state with a unicameral legislature), representation varies from between twenty to sixty-seven senators and forty 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 fifteen 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 ninety 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 extension 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 fifty votes in the House and seventeen 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 ten days, not including Sundays, the legislation becomes law without his signature. If the General Assembly adjourns within the ten-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 ten-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 fourteen 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, the 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

**House of Representatives**

- Original "Companion Bills" simultaneously introduced
- Without Objection House passes Second Reading
- Speaker refers to Standing Committee
- Clerks examine and number Bill
- General Bill
- Committee studies and reports
- Committee on Committees places on calendar
- Third Reading, Members debate and possibly amend or "Conform and Substitute"
- Engrossing Clerk retypes as amended and enrolls
- Senate and House Speakers sign
- Majority vote of both bodies required to override veto

**Senate**

- Original "Companion Bills" simultaneously introduced
- Without Objection Senate passes First Reading
- Speaker refers to Standing Committee
- General Bill
- Committee studies and reports
- Committee on Committees places on calendar
- Third Reading, Members debate and possibly amend or "Conform and Substitute"
- Engrossing Clerk retypes as amended and enrolls
- Senate and House Speakers sign
- Majority vote of both bodies required to override veto

**Local Bill**

- Without Objection House passes First Reading
- Committee on Committees places on calendar
- Third Reading, Members debate and possibly amend or "Conform and Substitute"
- Engrossing Clerk retypes as amended and enrolls
- Senate and House Speakers sign
- Majority vote of both bodies required to override veto

**General Bill**

- Without Objection House passes Second Reading
- Speaker refers to Standing Committee
- Committee studies and reports
- Committee on Committees places on calendar
- Third Reading, Members debate and possibly amend or "Conform and Substitute"
- Engrossing Clerk retypes as amended and enrolls
- Senate and House Speakers sign
- Majority vote of both bodies required to override veto

**Introduction**

Tennessee Blue Book

Legislative Branch
The upper house of Tennessee's General Assembly is called the Senate. One senator is elected from each of the state's thirty-three senatorial districts (see map on page 52). 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 thirty-three senators are standing for election at the same time. Tennessee's senatorial term is the same as thirty-seven 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 III, 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.
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Service in Public Office:
Chairman: Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Chairman: Senate Education Committee; Vice Chair: State Building Commission; First Vice Chair: Senate Rules Committee; Secretary: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee; Member: Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee, Senate Health and Welfare Committee, House Conservation and Environment Committee, House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, Joint Pensions and Insurance Committee, Joint Fiscal Review Committee, Member: Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR).

Awards and Honors:
Executive Committee, National Lieutenant Governors Association, 2017; Thomas B. Murphy Service Award, Council of State Governments Southern Legislative Conference, 2017; Public Service Award, Rotary Club of Oak Ridge, 2017; Executive Committee, Republican Lieutenant Governors Association, 2017; Lifetime Achievement Award, Anderson County Republican Party, 2017; Save a Student Award, EEOG, 2017; Emergency Number Association Award, 2016; 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; Junior League of Tennessee Legislator of the Year, 2005; Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents Legislative Award, 2004; Legislative Award, Tennessee School Boards Association, 2004; Rotary Vocational Service Award, 2001; 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.

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Service in Public Office: Chairman: Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Chairman: Senate Education Committee; Vice Chair: State Building Commission; First Vice Chair: Senate Rules Committee; Secretary: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee; Member: Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee; Senate Health and Welfare Committee; House Conservation and Environment Committee; House Education Committee; House Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Joint Pensions and Insurance Committee; Joint Fiscal Review Committee; Member: Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR).

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Senate Leadership

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Ferrell Haile, Deputy Speaker

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Ferrell Haile, Republican Caucus Treasurer
Becky Duncan Massey, Republican Caucus Secretary
Mark Green, Republican Caucus Chaplain

Democratic Caucus
Lee Harris, Democratic Leader
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Standing Committees

Commerce and Labor – Chairman: Jack Johnson; First Vice-Chairman: Mark Green; Second Vice-Chairman: Kerry Roberts; Dolores R. Gresham; William F. Ketron, Jr.; Reginald Tate; Jim Tracy; Bo Watson; and Ken Yager.

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Finance, Ways and Means – Chairman: Bo Watson; First Vice-Chairman: John D. Stevens; Second Vice-Chairman: Douglas Overbey; Steven Dickerson; Todd Gardenhire; Ferrell Haile; Thelma M. Harper; Joey Hensley; William F. Ketron, Jr.; Mark S. Norris, Sr.; and Reginald Tate.

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Service in Public Office: Speaker Pro Tempore of the Tennessee State Senate; Member: Transportation and Safety Committee; Commerce and Labor Committee; Education Committee; 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 & 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 Home Builders Association; Tennessee Public Transportation Association 2012 Legislator of the Year Award; 2019 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.

Membership History: 104th through 110th General Assemblies.

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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; 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: Deputy Speaker of the Senate; Republican Senate Caucus Treasurer; Member and Vice-Chair: Senate Health and Welfare Committee; Member: Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Senate Education Committee; Revenue Subcommittee of Finance, Ways and Means; Senate Finance, Ways and Means Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee.

Awards and Honors: Eagle Scout; Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary International; CSG Toll Fellow; TN Chamber of Commerce and Industry Award, 2015.

Membership History: 107th through 110th General Assemblies.

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


Membership History: 109th through 110th General Assemblies.

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Religion: Christian.
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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Wife, Theresa, and daughter, Kelsey; B.S., political science and history, MTSU, 1976; Small business owner, Universal International Insurance, Murfreesboro; Certified insurance counselor; Certified professional insurance agent.


Awards and Honors: Legislator of the Year, Greater Nashville Regional Council; National Security Eagle Award, ACT for America; Legislator of the Year, U.S. Humane Society; Animal Advocacy Award, TN Voters for Animal Protection; Outstanding Service Award, TN Association of Chiefs of Police; Outstanding Service Award, TN Sheriffs' Association; Friend of Business, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce; Advocate of the Year, American Heart Association; Legislative Leadership Award, TN Cable Communications Association; Legislator of the Year, South Central Development District; Legislator of the Year, TN Development District Association; Legislator of the Year, TN Fire Chiefs Association; Good Green Deed Award, TN Conservation Voters, 2008 and 2009; Legislator of the Year, TN Association of Assessing Officers; Legislator of the Year, TN Community Organizations (TNCO); Silver Beaver Award, Boy Scouts; Long Rifle Award, Boy Scouts; Distinguished Eagle Scout, National Eagle Scout Association; Distinguished Alumni, MTSU, 1991; Vice President: Archibald Roane Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution; TN 811 Legislator of the Year; End Slavery -TN Human Trafficking Impact Award; TN School Health Coalition Award; TN Champion of Commerce - TN Chamber.

Membership History: 103rd through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Rutherford.

Religion: First United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro.
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Political Party: Democrat

Personal Information: Married with two children; B.A., Harvard University; J.D., University of Virginia.

Community Service: Christ Church Cathedral; Casa Azafran, Past Capital Campaign Co-Chair; East End Preparatory School, Past Board of Directors; Nashville Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Association; Tennessee College of Applied Technology Advisory Committee; Metropolitan Transit Authority, Board of Directors, 2009-2014; NewDeal Leaders; Jefferson Awards Foundation, Board of Selectors; National Conference of State Legislatures, Natural Resources & Infrastructure Committee.

Service in Public Office: Member: State and Local Government Committee; Rules Committee; Transportation and Safety Committee.


Membership History: 109th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Davidson.

Religion: Episcopalian.
Senate Members

Political makeup of the Senate of the 110th General Assembly, at the time of publication, is 27 Republicans (24 men and 3 women), 5 Democrats (3 men and 2 women), and 1 vacant seat. Photographs and biographical sketches of the senators of the 110th General Assembly appear on these pages.

Senator Mae Beavers resigned on September 1, 2017 to seek the Republican nomination for governor. See page 25.

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Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Wife, Amy; three children and one grandchild; Tennessee Technological University.
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: Chairman: Transportation and Safety Committee; Member: State and Local Government Committee; Former Vice Chairman: Joint Government Operations Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittee; Former Second Vice Chairman: Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Former Member: Government Operations Committee; Joint Government Operations Education, Health and General Welfare Subcommittee.
Awards and Honors: 2015 and 2016 Legislator of the Year, Upper Cumberland Development District; 2012 NRCHA Stock Horse Person of the Year.
Counties Represented: Bledsoe, Cumberland, Jackson, Overton, Putnam, and White.
Religion: Christian, Lighthouse Church.
Mae Beavers

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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: Republican

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


Service in Public Office: Vice-Chair: Joint Government Operations Judiciary and Government Subcommittee; First Vice-Chair: Transportation and Safety Committee; Member: Government Operations Committee; 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 by the 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; Patriots Freedom Award, Tennessee 7th and 8th District Tea Party Coalition; Wheelbarrow Award from the Stewart County GOP; Tea Party Chairman 2014.


Religion: Nazarene - Trevecca Community Church.

*Senator Mae Beavers resigned on September 1, 2017 to seek the Republican nomination for governor.
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Political Party: 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; Polk County Chamber of Commerce; Ducks Unlimited.

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


Counties Represented: McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Polk, and part of Bradley.

Religion: Christian/Baptist.
Janice Bowling

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Political Party: 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-Chair: Senate Judiciary Committee; Chair: Joint Government Operations Education, Health and General Welfare Subcommittee; Member: Government Operations Committee; Transportation and Safety Committee; 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; Chair: Policy Committee; Housing Authority; Coffee County Joint Economic and Community Development Committee.


Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

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

Religion: Christian.
Richard Briggs  
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Marital Status: Married  
Political Party: Republican  

Personal Information: Married 44 years to wife, Stephanie; B.S., Transylvania College, 1974; M.D., University of Kentucky, 1978; 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 following 2010 earthquake; Board of Directors: University of Tennessee Clarence Brown Theater, 2009-2011; President: Knoxville Academy of Medicine, 2009; Board of Trustees: Tennessee Medical Association, 2008-2016 (Vice-Chairman of the Board, 2012); Chief of Staff: St. Mary's Medical Center, Knoxville, 2002; Board of Directors: St. Mary's/Tennova Medical Center, 2003-present; Chairman: American Heart Association of Knox County “Go Red for Women.”  

Service in Public Office: First Vice-Chairman: State and Local Government Committee; Member: Health and Welfare Committee; Transportation and Safety Committee; Ethics 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 through 110th General Assemblies.  

Counties Represented: Part of Knox.  

Religion: Methodist.
Dewey “Rusty” Crowe

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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: 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.


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; 2015 Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging “Aging Impact (Regional) Award”; 2016 Tennessee Federation for the Aging’s “Legislative Aging Champion Award”; The Legislative Silver Bayonet Award from the Tennessee AMVETS.

Membership History: 97th through 110th General Assemblies.


Religion: Methodist.

Community Service: Member: Tennessee Domestic Violence State Coordinating Council.

Service in Public Office: 1st Vice-Chair: Ethics Committee; Member: Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Education Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee.

Awards and Honors: Chief Resident: Department of Anesthesiology, The University of South Florida, 1995-1996; President: Tennessee Society of Anesthesiology, 2012-2013.

Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Davidson.

Religion: Episcopalian.
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Political Party: Republican


Service in Public Office: 2nd Vice-Chair: Education Committee; Member: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; State and Local Government Committee; Joint Pensions and Insurance Committee; 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.


Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Parts of Bradley and Hamilton.

Religion: EPC Presbyterian.
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Political Party: 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; 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; Clarksville-Montgomery County Builders Association.

Service in Public Office: Senate GOP Caucus Chaplain; 1st Vice-Chair: Commerce and Labor Committee; Member: Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources 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; 2015 NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award; 2016 Latinos for TN Legislator of the Year; 2016 Soldiers and Families Embraced Community Hero Award; 2016 Tax Foundation - Tax Payer Hero Award; 2016 Nashville Business Journal Healthcare Hero Award; 2017 Center for Security Policy's Defender of Freedom Award.

Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Houston, Montgomery, and Stewart.

Religion: Christian.
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Political Party: Republican

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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 Cattlemen’s Association; Past President: Fayette Cares; Past Director: National Cattlemen’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: Chair: Education Committee; Chair: Education Committee, Southern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments; Vice Chair: Education Commission of the States; Member: Commerce and Labor Committee; Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

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, 2009, and 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; Best Senator, Tennessee Forum, 2016; Education Commission of the States Leadership Award, 2017; Southern Legislative Conference Leadership Award, 2017.


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

Religion: Catholic.
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Political Party: Democrat

Personal Information: Married 61 years to Paul Harper; two children (one deceased); B.S., Tennessee State University.

Community Service: Board of Directors: Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame; Board of Directors; Board Member: Nashville Downtown Partnership; Advisory Board: Renewal House; Founder & Host of “Kids are Special Too” annual Community Easter Egg Hunt for over 30 years; Past Commissioner: Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; Past President and Member of the Nashville Chapter of National Hook-up of Black Women; Past President: Tennessee Commemorative Women's Suffrage Commission; Co-Chair commemorating Metro Government's 50th Anniversary; Past Vice Chair: Tennessee Healthcare Commission; Past Leadership Board of Directors: Women in Government; Past Board of Directors: Tennessee Children's Home and SunTrust Bank Economic Development Advisory Council. Member: YWCA Advisory Committee; Golden Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated; Nashville Symphony Board; Sponsored Woodland Hills Youth Development Center to mentor & encourage girls currently detained in the Juvenile Justice System; Tennessee Economic Council on Women; Links Inc; Urban League of Middle Tennessee, Achievement Matters “DOING THE RIGHT THING” program; Sponsored several little league Division 10AAA football and Baseball teams with her husband which included the undefeated Thelma Harper's Wildcats football team for three consecutive Championships.


Awards and Honors: 2017 & 2012 Women in Numbers (WIN) TN Honoree; 2017 Vanderbilt Athletics Civil Rights Equality Weekend Honoree; 2017 Nobel Women's President Award; 2017 NOBEL Women Legacy Award; 2017 Appreciation and Dedication to pushing Tennessee forward, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Association of Tennessee Alphamen; 2015 Women's Political Collaborative Honoree; 2015 Women's History Celebration, The University of Tennessee Space Institute; 2013 Living Legend Award, Greater Nashville Alliance of Black School Educators (GNABSE); 2013 Legacy of Service Award, Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement; 2013 Featured in the book "Black Firsts: 4,000 Ground-Breaking and Pioneering Historical Events"; By Jessie Carney Smith; 2012 Dedication & Leadership Recognition, Tennessee State University Social Work Program; Featured in Style Blueprint article “Female Tennessee Trailblazers: Women Who’ve Paved the Way” Alex Hendrickson; National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs Business Award; Jaycees' Woman of the Year Award; 2010 Davis-Galloway Empowerment Award recipient, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Metropolitan Nashville Chapter and the Nashville Coalition of 100 Black Women Foundation, Inc.; 2009 Public Official of the Year, National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Tennessee Chapter; 2008 Leadership Award, YMCA of Middle Tennessee and Northwest YMCA; 2008 Davidson County Democratic Women's Day Celebration Honoree; 2007 “E” Award, Tennessee Economic Council on Women; 2007 Resolution recognition for responsible government, dedication & contributions to improve the quality of life for fellow citizens, Council of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County; Harriet

Membership History: 96th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Davidson.

Religion: Church of Christ, Member of Schrader Lane Church of Christ.
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Political Party: 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; Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Service in Public Office: Second Vice-Chairman: Health and Welfare Committee; Member: Education Committee; 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 Legislative 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 Legislative 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; Tennessee Native American Eagle Award.


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

Religion: Pentecostal.
Ed Jackson

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Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Wife, Marilyn; three children; four grandchildren; Lambuth University; Memphis State University School of Business; 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; Kappa Sigma Fraternity Alumni.


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

Membership History: 109th through 110th General Assemblies.

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

Religion: Church of Christ.
Jack Johnson

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Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Wife, Deanna; three children; B.S. Ed., Political Science, Texas State University.
Community Service: Member: Williamson County Chamber of Commerce; Spring Hill Chamber of Commerce; Fairview Chamber of Commerce; National Rifle Association; Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; Williamson County Republican Party Chairman’s Circle; Advisory Board Member: Williamson County Child Advocacy Center; Board Member: Williamson County Fair.
Service in Public Office: Chairman: Commerce and Labor Committee; Member: State and Local Government Committee; Capitol Commission.
Membership History: 105th through 110th General Assemblies.
Counties Represented: Williamson.
Religion: Attends Grace Chapel Church in Leiper’s Fork.
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Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Attorney, The Kelsey Firm; B.A. with Honors, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; J.D., Georgetown University.

Community Service: Adjunct Professor: University of Memphis Law School; Usher: Second Presbyterian Church; Former Adjunct Undergraduate Professor of Constitutional Law: University of Memphis; Memphis Lawyers Chapter Board Member: Federalist Society; Christian Legal Society; Republican National Lawyers Association; Memphis Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Association.

Service in Public Office: Chairman: Judiciary Committee; Member: Education Committee; Member: Joint Fiscal Review Committee; Board Member: Tennessee Holocaust Commission; Former Chairman: House Civil Practice Subcommittee; Former House Republican Floor Leader.


Membership History: Senate: 106th through 110th General Assemblies; House: 104th through 106th General Assemblies.

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

Religion: Christian.
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. Anna Belle 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: Health and Welfare Committee; Judiciary Committee; Joint Fiscal Review Committee.

Membership History: 109th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Shelby.

Religion: Presbyterian.
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**Marital Status:** Married  
**Political Party:** Republican

**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, retired; Highlands Bankshares; Highlands Union Bank; 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:** 2nd Vice-Chair: Government Operations Committee; Chair: Joint Government Operations Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittee; Member: Judiciary Committee; Joint Government Operations Judiciary and Government Subcommittee; Former Chairman: Civil Justice Committee; Former Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; Insurance and Banking Committee; 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 (three times); County Officials Association, Outstanding Representative; American Academy of Pediatrics Tennessee Chapter, Legislator of the Year; First Tennessee Development District, Legislator of the Year (twice); Tennessee Chamber of Commerce, Tennessee Champion of Commerce.

**Membership History:** Senate: 110th General Assembly. House: 105th through 109th General Assemblies.

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

**Religion:** Presbyterian.
Becky Duncan Massey

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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: Republican

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; Knox County Republican Executive Committee; Community Auction Volunteers; Board Member: Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee; 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, Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Service in Public Office: Chairman: Calendar Committee; Secretary: Senate Republican Caucus; 2nd Vice-Chair: Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Member: Health and Welfare Committee; Transportation and Safety Committee; Statewide Planning and Policy Council for the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities; Tennessee Council on Children's Mental Health.

Awards and Honors: The Council of State Governments-Henry Toll Fellow; Leadership Tennessee-Class 3; The Arc Tennessee 2016 Legislative Award; Connecting for Children's Justice 2016; Tennessee Disability Coalition 2015 Disability Hero; AAA Tennessee Outstanding Legislator 2015; 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 Cancer Coalition 2013 Legislator of the Year; 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 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Knox.

Religion: Presbyterian, Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church.
Frank Niceley

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Political Party: 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: House: 96th, 97th, and 104th through 107th General Assemblies. Senate: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

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

Religion: Methodist.
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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Wife, Kay; daughters and sons-in-law: Kathleen and Ryan Thomas, Hannah and Kris Yarlett, and Elizabeth and Matt Thomason; Grandchildren: Anna Kathleen Thomason, Paul Russell Thomason, and Collins Douglas Thomas; 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: Governor’s Council, Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature; Board of Directors Member: A Secret Safe Place for Newborns of Tennessee, Inc.; American, Tennessee, Knoxville, and Blount County Bar Associations; East Tennessee Foundation; PBS of East Tennessee; Blount County Chamber of Commerce; United Way of Blount County; Kiwanis Club of Maryville; Leadership Blount; Leadership Sevier; 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; Chairman: Tennessee Arts Caucus; Co-Chairman: Second Look Commission; Member: Health and Welfare Committee; Rules Committee; Joint Committee on Pensions and Insurance; Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules and Practice and Procedure; Children’s Advisory Council; Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Statewide Planning and Policy Council; Blount County Board of County Commissioners (1982-1990).

Awards and Honors: Presidential Award, Tennessee Judicial Conference, 2017; Blount County Hall of Fame, Blount County Boys and Girls Clubs, 2016; Men's Health Network Outstanding Legislator, 2016; Legislative 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; Legislative 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; Legislative 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; Legislative 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; Legislative 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; Legislative 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.


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, TN, and North Cheatham.


Awards and Honors: 2017 Legislator of the Year, FGA; 2017 Natural Gas Champion Award, Greater Dickson Gas Authority; 2016 Legislator of the Year, South Central Development District; 2016 Champion, CMT/ABATE; 2016 Friend of Government Accountability Award, Foundation for Government Accountability; 2016 Conservative Excellence Award, The American Conservative Union; 2016 Legislator of the Year, Mothers Against Drunk Driving; 2015 Conservative Excellence Award, The American Conservative Union.

Membership History: 107th and 109th through 110th General Assemblies.

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

Religion: Christian.
Steve Southerland

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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: Republican

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

Community Service: Deacon: Buffalo Trail Baptist Church of Morristown, TN; Member: Rotary Club; Lifetime Member: National Rifle Association.

Service in Public Office: Chair: Senate Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Member: Senate Government Operations Committee; Joint Fiscal Review Committee; Joint Government Operations Education, Health and General Welfare Subcommittee; Joint Government Operations Judiciary and Government Subcommittee; Natural Resources and Infrastructure Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures; Energy and Environment Public Policy Committee of the Council of State Governments; Agriculture and Rural Development Committee of the Council of State Governments; Former Chair: Senate Commerce and Labor Committee; Former Member: Senate Transportation and Safety Committee; Former Chaplain: Senate Republican Caucus; Former Deputy Speaker: Senate, Tennessee General Assembly.

Awards and Honors: 2017 HBAT Housing Hero Award; 2017 Major-Tennessee State Legislative Squadron Civil Air Patrol; 2016 NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award; 2016 American Conservative Union Foundation Conservative Excellence Award; 2016 Walters State Distinguished Alumni in Civic Achievement Award; 2014 East Tennessee Development District Legislator of the Year Award; 2014 Tennessee Conservation Voters Legislative Friend Award; 2013 American Council on Germany Climate/Energy Study Participant; 2012 Chinese Embassy Study Tour Participant; 2011 Tennessee Forestry Association Legislator of the Year Award; 2011 Canadian Embassy National Rising State Leaders Award; 2007 County Officials Association of Tennessee Outstanding State Senator Award; 2005 Tennessee Development District Association Legislator of the Year Award.

Membership History: 103rd through 110th General Assemblies.

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

Religion: Baptist, Buffalo Trail Baptist Church.
John D. Stevens

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Political Party: Republican

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

Community Service: Coach, youth soccer and Upward basketball; United Way of West Tennessee Volunteer; Sunday School Leader, First Baptist Church of Huntingdon; Former Chairman: Carroll County Republican Party.

Service in Public Office: Chairman: Appropriations Subcommittee of Finance, Ways and Means Committee; First Vice-Chair: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Member: Judiciary Committee; Transportation and Safety Committee; Governor’s Task Force on Sentencing and Recidivism, appointed by Governor Bill Haslam; Council of State Governments’ 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 Fellowship program, a leadership training academy; 2016 Graduate, Emerging Leaders Program at GOPAC; Named a 2014 “Champion of Commerce” by the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce; 2013 Legislator of the Year by the Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers; “Taxpayer Hero” with a 104% rating from Americans for Prosperity; 100% and 96% ratings from the American Conservative Union in 2015 and 2016, respectively; 2016 Mothers Against Drunk Driving Legislator of the Year; 2016 “Guardian of Small Business” by the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

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

Religion: Baptist.
Reginald Tate

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Architectural Designer

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Marital Status: Single
Political Party: Democrat

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

Community Service: Vice Chairman: Cocaine and 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; Shelby County Delegation.

Membership History: 105th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Shelby.

Religion: First Baptist Church - Broad.
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Political Party: 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: Chairman: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Pensions and Insurance Committee; 2nd Vice-Chair: Rules Committee; Member: Commerce and Labor Committee; Health and Welfare Committee; Joint Fiscal Review Committee; Information Systems Council; State Insurance Committee; Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations; Board of Trustees Tennessee Promise Trust Fund; National Conference of State Legislatures’ Budget and Revenue Committee; Southern Legislative Conference Fiscal Affairs and Government Operations Committee, Economic Development, Transportation and Cultural Affairs Committee and Human Services and Public Safety Committee; Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board and, Immediate Past TN Senate Speaker Pro Tempore.

Awards and Honors: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Batelle Fellow: National Conference of State Legislatures’ Early Learning Fellow: Southern Legislative Conference Center for the Advancement of Leadership Skills Graduate; Tennessee Physical Therapy Association Distinguished Service Award; President’s Award Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy.


Counties Represented: Part of Hamilton.

Religion: Christian.
Personal Information: Married to the former Malinda Raby, Oliver Springs; two children, Bonnie-Marie Christine Yager and William Ashton Wise Yager; Associate Professor, 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: Board of Directors: Michael Dunn Center; 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; Member: Dayton Rotary Club; Chambers of Commerce of Oak Ridge, Dayton, Spring City, Campbell, Fentress, Morgan, Pickett, Roane, and Scott Counties; Gideon; Southgate Lodge No. 569 F & AM; Life Member: National Rifle Association.

Service in Public Office: Chairman: Joint Fiscal Review Committee; State and Local Government Committee; Member: Commerce and Labor Committee; Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Energy & Environment Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference; Redistricting & Elections Committee; NCSL Natural Resources & Infrastructure Committee; NCSL Nuclear Legislative Workgroup; Tennessee Senate Alternate: Southern States Energy Board; Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability; 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.

Awards and Honors: 2017 TENCO Legislator of the Year; 2017 Distinguished Service Award, Tennessee Ambulance Association; 2017 Legislator of the Year Award, Southeast Tennessee Development District; 2016 Dr. T.K. Hutchinson Award, Tennessee Electric Cooperatives; 2016 Legislator of the Year Award, Southeast Tennessee Development District; 2016 Friend of Conservation Award, Morgan County Soil Conservation District; 2016 Advocate of the Year Award, Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition; 2015-2016 NASS Medallion Award, Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett; 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, 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 110th General Assemblies.

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

Religion: Baptist.
110th General Assembly Senate Districts

Map shows approximate areas represented.

District  County
1st – Cocke, Greene, Hamblen, and Sevier (in part)
2nd – Blount and Sevier (in part)
3rd – Carter (in part), Unicoi, and Washington
4th – Carter (in part), Johnson, and Sullivan
5th – Anderson, Knox (in part), and Loudon
6th – Knox (in part)
7th – Knox (in part)
8th – Claiborne, Grainger, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, and Union
9th – Bradley (in part), McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, and Polk
10th – Bradley (in part) and Hamilton (in part)
11th – Hamilton (in part)
12th – Campbell, Fentress, Morgan, Pickett, Rhea, Roane, and Scott

District  County
13th – Rutherford (in part)
14th – Bedford, Lincoln, Marshall, Moore, and Rutherford (in part)
15th – Bledsoe, Cumberland, Jackson, Overton, Putnam, and White
16th – Coffee, Franklin, Grundy, Marion, Sequatchie, Van Buren, and Warren
17th – Cannon, Clay, DeKalb, Macon, Smith, and Wilson
18th – Davidson (in part), Sumner, and Trousdale
19th – Davidson (in part)
20th – Davidson (in part)
21st – Davidson (in part)
22nd – Houston, Montgomery, and Stewart
23rd – Williamson

District  County
24th – Benton, Carroll, Gibson, Henry, Obion, and Weakley
25th – Chester, Dickson, Hickman, Humphreys, and Robertson
26th – Chester, Decatur, Fayette, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, and McNairy
27th – Crockett, Dyer, Lake, Lauderdale, and Madison
28th – Giles, Lawrence, Lewis, Maury, Perry, and Wayne
29th – Shelby (in part)
30th – Shelby (in part)
31st – Shelby (in part)
32nd – Shelby (in part) and Tipton
33rd – Shelby (in part)
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 ninety-nine House districts (see map on page 166).

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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**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 Commission Board, the Lipscomb University Advisory Council, the Mental Health America of Middle Tennessee Board of Directors, the Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation, the Republican Legislative Campaign Committee Executive Committee, and as an alumna of Leadership Nashville and Leadership Tennessee. She previously served as the President of the National Speakers Conference, has served on the Board of Directors for Agape, the American Heart Association, the Exchange Club Family Center, the Centennial Medical Center, the Knowles Senior Citizens Center, PearlPoint Cancer Support, and the Nashville Children’s Theater. She currently serves on the Montgomery Bell Academy Board of Directors, the Jobs for Tennessee Graduates Board of Directors, as Chair of the TCAT Nashville General Advisory Committee, and as Co-Chair of the Republican State Leadership Committee's Right Women Right Now initiative.

**Service in Public Office:** Speaker of the House of Representatives, 107th through 110th 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 110th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Davidson.

**Religion:** Church of Christ.
Staff for the Office of the Speaker

Scott W. Gilmer  
Chief of Staff

Born March 2, 1971, Jackson, TN; Hometown: Lobelville, TN; Married: Wife, Amber; Daughter, Adaline; Concord Road 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; 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.

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Senior Policy Advisor


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Born September 15, 1983, Hendersonville, TN; Married: Husband, Justin; Methodist; B.S., Mass Communication, Focus: Public Relations, Middle Tennessee State University, 2006; MTSU Alumni Board Member, June 2011-2014; 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.

Tammy Letzler  
Chief Clerk

Born August 2, 1971, Murfreesboro, TN; Married: Husband, Jeff; Daughter, Jessica; Son, Josh; Church of Christ; B.S., Political Science, Middle Tennessee State University; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; Tau Omicron Women’s Honor Society; Recipient, C.C. Sims Award; American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries; Assistant Chief Clerk of the House, 2002-2016; Appointed Chief Clerk by Speaker Beth Harwell in January 2017.
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110th General Assembly
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Dawn White, Republican Caucus Secretary/Treasurer
Timothy Hill, Republican Whip

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Mike Stewart, Democratic Caucus Chairman
Antonio Parkinson, Democratic Caucus Vice Chairman
Raumesh Akbari, Democratic Caucus Floor Leader
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Standing Committees

Agriculture and Natural Resources – Chairman: Curtis Halford; Vice-Chairman: Andy Holt; David Hawk; Bud Hulsey; Ron Lollar; Pat Marsh; Judd Matheny; Steve K. McDaniel; Bo Mitchell; Jay D. Reedy; Johnny W. Shaw; Rick Tillis; and John Mark Windle.

Business and Utilities – Chairman: Pat Marsh; Vice-Chairman: Kent Calfee; Karen D. Camper; John Ray Clemmons; Barry Jay Doss; JoAnne Humphries Favors; Brenda Gilmore; Tilman Goins; Marc Gravitt; Patsy Hazlewood; John B. Holsclaw, Jr.; Curtis Johnson; Gerald McCormick; Jason Powell; Dennis H. Powers; Mike Sparks; Art Swann; Rick Tillis; and Dawn White.

Calendar and Rules – Chairman: Bill Dunn; Vice-Chairman: John B. Holsclaw, Jr.; Harry Brooks; Glen Casada; Barry Jay Doss; Jimmy Eldridge; Jeremy Faison; Andrew Farmer; Craig Fitzhugh; John Forgety; Ron M. Gant; Curtis Halford; Beth Harwell; Timothy Hill; Curtis Johnson; William Gary Lamberth II; Harold Moses Love, Jr.; Pat Marsh; Bob Ramsey; Charles M. Sargent, Jr.; Cameron Sexton; Rick Staples; Mike Stewart; Ron Travis; Ryan Williams; and Tim Wirgau.

Civil Justice – Chairman: Andrew Farmer; Vice-Chairman: Debra Moody; Bill Beck; Mike Carter; Glen Casada; Martin Daniel; John Forgety; G.A. Hardaway; Courtney Leigh Rogers; Mike Stewart; and Bryan Terry.
Consumer and Human Resources – Chairman: Jimmy Eldridge; Vice-Chairman: Mark A. Pody; Glen Casada; Susan Lynn; Jimmy Matlock; Rick Staples; Dwayne Thompson; and Mark White.

Criminal Justice – Chairman: William Gary Lamberth II; Vice-Chairman: Michael G. Curcio; Raumesh Akbari; Jim Coley; Andrew Farmer; Tilman Goins; Sherry Jones; Mary Littleton; Antonio Parkinson; Paul Sherrell; and James “Micah” Van Huss.

Education Administration and Planning – Chairman: Harry Brooks; Vice-Chairman: Eddie Smith; Raumesh Akbari; John J. DeBerry, Jr.; Craig Fitzhugh; Roger Kane; Ron Lollar; Jimmy Matlock; Debra Moody; Johnnie R. Turner; Terri Lynn Weaver; Dawn White; and Mark White.

Education Instruction and Programs – Chairman: John Forgety; Vice-Chairman: David “Coach” Byrd; Harry Brooks; Sheila Butt; Bill Dunn; Andy Holt; Roger Kane; Sabi “Doc” Kumar; Harold Moses Love, Jr.; Joe Pitts; Jay D. Reedy; Mike Stewart; and Joe Towns, Jr.

Finance, Ways and Means – Chairman: Charles M. Sargent, Jr.; Vice-Chairman: Kevin D. Brooks; David “Coach” Byrd; Karen D. Camper; Mike Carter; Jim Coley; John Crawford; John J. Deberry, Jr.; Craig Fitzhugh; Brenda Gilmore; David Hawk; Patsy Hazlewood; Gary Hicks; Matthew Hill; Curtis Johnson; Harold Moses Love, Jr.; Susan Lynn; Gerald McCormick; Steve K. McDaniel; Larry J. Miller; Art Swann; Ryan Williams; and Tim Wirgau.

Government Operations – Chairman: Jeremy Faison; Vice-Chairman: John David Ragan, Jr.; Kent Calfee; Glen Casada; Craig Fitzhugh; Curtis Halford; Dan Howell; Curtis Johnson; Bo Mitchell; Mike Stewart; and Ryan Williams.

Health – Chairman: Cameron Sexton; Vice-Chairman: Sabi “Doc” Kumar; Sheila Butt; John Ray Clemmons; Jeremy Faison; JoAnne Humphries Favors; Ron M. Gant; Gary Hicks; Matthew Hill; John B. Holsclaw, Jr.; Darren Jernigan; Sherry Jones; John David Ragan, Jr.; Bob Ramsey; Paul Sherrell; Rick Staples; Bryan Terry; Sam Whitson; and Ryan Williams.

Insurance and Banking – Chairman: Ron Travis; Vice-Chairman: Jason Zachary; Bill Beck; Kevin D. Brooks; Michael G. Curcio; Ron M. Gant; G.A. Hardaway; Timothy Hill; Kelly T. Keisling; Judd Matheney; Joe Pitts; Mark A. Pody; Dennis H. Powers; Tim Rudd; Charles M. Sargent, Jr.; Mike Sparks; Dwayne Thompson; Joe Towns, Jr.; and James “Micah” Van Huss.

Local Government – Chairman: Tim Wirgau; Vice-Chairman: Dan Howell; David Alexander; Dale Carr; Barbara Ward Cooper; John Crawford; Jimmy Eldridge; Marc Gravitt; Larry J. Miller; Antonio Parkinson; Cameron Sexton; and Jerry Sexton.

State Government – Chairman: Bob Ramsey; Vice-Chairman: Bud Hulsey; Martin Daniel; Darren Jernigan; William Gary Lamberth II; Mary Littleton; Jason Powell; Tim Rudd; Bill Sanderson; and Johnny W. Shaw.

Transportation – Chairman: Barry Jay Doss; Vice-Chairman: Courtney Leigh Rogers; David Alexander; Dale Carr; Barbara Ward Cooper; Bill Dunn; Timothy Hill; Kelly T. Keisling; Bo Mitchell; Bill Sanderson; Jerry Sexton; Eddie Smith; Ron Travis; Johnnie R. Turner; Terri Lynn Weaver; Sam Whitson; John Mark Windle; and Jason Zachary.

Select Committees

Ethics – Chairman: Steve K. McDaniel; Raumesh Akbari; Karen D. Camper; Mike Carter; Patsy Hazlewood; William Gary Lamberth II; Harold Moses Love, Jr.; Susan Lynn; Joe Pitts; and Jason Powell.
Rules – Chairman: Steve K. McDaniel; Karen D. Camper; Glen Casada; JoAnne Humphries Favors; Craig Fitzhugh; David Hawk; Matthew Hill; John B. Holsclaw, Jr.; Curtis Johnson; Harold Moses Love, Jr.; Gerald McCormick; Charles M. Sargent, Jr.; and Mark White.
Curtis Johnson  

Speaker Pro Tempore  

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Political Party: Republican  

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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, 2013-present; Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Government Operations Committee; Business and Utilities Committee; Rules Committee; Joint Government Operations Committee; Business and Utilities Subcommittee; Capitol Commission; Joint Government Operations Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittee; Interim Chairman: Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee.  


Membership History: 104th through 110th General Assemblies.  

Counties Represented: Part of Montgomery.  

Religion: First Presbyterian.
Steve K. McDaniel

Deputy Speaker

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Political Party: 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: Parker’s Crossroads Battlefield Association; Member: Chester, Decatur, Henderson, and Perry County Chambers of Commerce; Civil War Trust; American Legislative Exchange Council; Tourism Association of Southwest Tennessee.
Service in Public Office: Chairman: Ethics Committee; Rules Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Study Subcommittee; Ethics Subcommittee; 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 110th General Assemblies.
Counties Represented: Chester, Decatur, Henderson, and Perry.
Religion: Church of Christ.
Glen Casada
Majority Leader
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Political Party: Republican

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

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

Membership History: 102nd through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Williamson.
Religion: Brentwood Baptist Church.
Craig Fitzhugh
Democratic Leader

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Political Party: Democrat

Personal Information: Wife, Pam; two children, Elizabeth (Chaz Molder) and Tom (Windy) Fitzhugh; four grandchildren, Marley, Hugh, Bebe Molder, and Oliver Fitzhugh; 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; Rules Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Government Operations Committee; Education Administration and Planning Committee; Joint Government Operations Committee; Delayed Bills Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee; Finance, Ways and Means Study Subcommittee; Joint Government Operations Education, Health and General Welfare Subcommittee; Joint Pensions and Insurance Committee; Joint Government Operations Judiciary and Government Subcommittee; Board of Visitors, Veterans’ Museum in Halls, TN.

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 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Crockett, Haywood, and Lauderdale.

Religion: Baptist.
Ryan Williams
Republican Caucus Chair
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Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Born in Kingsport, TN; graduated with a B.S. in Biology from Carson-Newman College where he met his wife, Abby; married twenty years; two children: Tyson, 15, and Carson, 13.

Community Service: Cookeville/Putnam County Chamber of Commerce; After Dark Series; Carson-Newman Soccer alumnus; Habitat for Humanity State Board Member.

Service in Public Office: Member: Health Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Government Operations Committee; Joint Government Operations Committee; Calendar and Rules Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee; Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Taskforce; Child Fatality Prevention Team; Wellness Caucus; Cookeville City Council; Cookeville Planning Commission; American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL).

Membership History: 107th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Putnam.
Religion: Christian.
Mike Stewart  
Democratic Caucus Chairman

District: 52  
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Marital Status:  
Political Party:  

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.


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 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Davidson.

Religion: Methodist.
House Members

Political makeup of the House of Representatives of the 110th General Assembly, at the time of publication, is 74 Republicans (65 men and 9 women) and 25 Democrats (18 men and 7 women). Photographs and biographical sketches of the House members of the 110th General Assembly appear on these pages.

Representative Mark Lovell resigned on February 14, 2017. See page 121.

Representative Kevin Vaughan won the special election for District 95 on June 15, 2017. He was sworn in on August 24, 2017. See page 157.

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Political Party: Democrat

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

Community Service: Chair: Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators; Treasurer: National Black Caucus of State Legislators; Co-Chair: The Committee on Children, Youth and Families, National Black Caucus of State Legislators; Interbranch Affairs Committee, The Council of State Governments; Member: Leadership Council for 2017, The Council of State Governments; Financial Secretary: National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women; State Leader: Women in Government; Democratic Party of Shelby County; Shelby County Young Democrats; Democratic Women of Shelby County; NAACP.

Service in Public Office: Democratic Caucus Floor Leader; Member: Criminal Justice Committee and Subcommittee; Education Administration and Planning Committee; Ethics Committee and Subcommittee.

Awards and Honors: Speaker, 2016 Democratic National Convention, Philadelphia, PA; 2016 Region IX Legislator of the Year Award, National Black Caucus of State Legislators; 2016 Woman of the Year, National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women; 2016 Reformer Award, National Juvenile Justice Network; 2016 Mothers of the NILE Advocate Award, Mothers of the NILE Inc.; 2015 Henry Toll Fellow, The Council of State Governments; 2014 Spark Award, National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women; The Memphis Flyer's 2014 "20 under 30" Award; 2017 "Representative Able Mable Thomas Award,” SisterReach, Memphis; 2017 President's Award, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Memphis Chapter; 2017 Leader Award, "Legends and Leaders Awards," The New Tri-State Defender, Memphis.

Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Shelby.

Religion: Baptist.
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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: 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: Member: Transportation Committee; Joint Pensions and Insurance Committee; Local Government Committee; Transportation Subcommittee.
Membership History: 107th through 110th General Assemblies.
Counties Represented: Moore and parts of Franklin and Marion.
Religion: Presbyterian.
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Marital Status: Married  
Political Party: 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: Tennessee Bar Association; Nashville Bar Association; Kiwanis Club of Madison; Board of Directors: Allegro School of Music; Inglewood Homeowners Association; American Legion Post 82; Nashville Chamber of Commerce; Old Hickory Chamber of Commerce; Madison Chamber of Commerce; Discover Madison, Inc./Historic Amqui Train Station; Historic East Nashville Merchants Association (HENMA); TSEA; Metro Beautification and Environment Commission; Ex-Officio Member: Central Business Improvement District, Gulch Business Improvement District.

Service in Public Office: 110th General Assembly-Chairman: Davidson County Delegation; Member: Insurance and Banking Committee; Civil Justice Committee; Civil Justice Subcommittee; Veterans Caucus. 109th General Assembly-Co-Chair: Freshman Caucus; Member: Transportation Committee.

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 through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Davidson.

Religion: Baptist.
Harry Brooks

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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: 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; 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 and Rules Committee; Education Instruction and Programs Committee; 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 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Knox.

Religion: Baptist/Union Baptist Church.
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**Political Party:** Republican

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**Community Service:** 2015 State Board of Directors, Habitat for Humanity; Member: Tennessee Hospitality Association; Main Street Cleveland (former board member); Rotary Club of Cleveland (former officer and board member); Board Member: Rejuvenate Advisory; Nashville CVC Advisory Board; Certified IATA Travel Associate; Past Cleveland City Planning Commissioner; Former Chairman: Blue Ribbon Advisory Council, Cleveland City Schools; United Way of Bradley County, Former Division Chair; Paul Harris Fellow; 2010-2016 Board of Directors, OPERATION COMPASSION.

**Service in Public Office:** Vice-Chair: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Assistant Majority Leader: 107th through 109th General Assemblies; Former Vice-Chair: House Republican Caucus, 106th General Assembly; Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; Insurance and Banking Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Ethics Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee; Council on Pensions and Insurance; Former Member: Committee on Children and Family Affairs; Vice-Chair: Domestic Relations Subcommittee, 107th General Assembly; Chairman: Children and Family Affairs General Committee; Member: Higher Education Subcommittee; Member: Rules Committee, 106th General Assembly.

**Awards and Honors:** 2017 Tennessee Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics Legislator of the Year; 2017 TN Gas Association "Friend of the Flame" Award; 2016 Legislative Champion Award, SCORE; 2016 Bradley County GOP Lifetime Achievement Award; 2015 Disability Hero, TN Disability Coalition; 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 Assembly; 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 110th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Bradley.

**Religion:** Church of God.
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Political Party: 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: Former House Majority Floor Leader; Member: Health Committee; Education Instruction and Programs Committee; 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 110th General Assemblies.
Counties Represented: Part of Maury.
Religion: Church of Christ.
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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: Republican


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 Firearms Association; Waynesboro Rotary Club; Wayne County Chamber of Commerce; Served eight years as Wayne County Commissioner.

Service in Public Office: Vice-Chair: Education Instruction and Programs Committee; Member: Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee.

Awards and Honors: Fourteen 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; 2016 Southwest Tennessee Development District Legislator of the Year; Tennessee School Health Coalition 2016 Legislator of the Year Award.

Membership History: 109th through 110th General Assemblies.

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

Religion: Methodist.
Kent Calfee

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Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Wife, Marilyn; four children; seven grandchildren; farmer; retired Oak Ridge National Laboratory; attended East Tennessee State University.

Community Service: Life Member: NRA; Tennessee Army National Guard; Member: 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-Chair: Business and Utilities Committee; Member: Joint Government Operations Committee; Government Operations Committee; Business and Utilities Subcommittee; Joint Government Operations Education, Health and General Welfare Subcommittee; Joint Government Operations Judiciary and Government Subcommittee; Republican Caucus Energy Task Force; Veterans Caucus; Rural Caucus; Prayer Caucus; Roane County Commissioner for 20 years.

Awards and Honors: 2015 Tennessee Forestry Association Legislator of the Year; 2015 Roane County Catoosa District Good Scout Award along with wife Marilyn.

Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Parts of Loudon and Roane.

Religion: Baptist.
Karen D. Camper

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Political Party: 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 Ziglar 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; President: National Organization of Black Elected Legislative (N.O.B.E.L.) Women; Former Vice Chairman: Tennessee Economic Council on Women; Board Member: Memphis Branch, NAACP; Women's Action for New Directions; Member: National Caucus of Environmental Legislators; Former Junior Vice: VFW Post #11333; Charter Member: Women in Military Service for America; Life Member: NAACP; Blacks In Government; Advisory Board: International Business Council; TN State Director: National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL).

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

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 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Shelby.

Religion: Baptist.
Dale Carr

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Political Party: Republican

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Community Service: Founding Member and First Treasurer, Boys & 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; Member: Local Government Committee; Transportation Committee.

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

Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Sevier.

Religion: Baptist.
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Political Party: Republican

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

Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Hamilton.

Religion: Baptist. Member, Ooltewah Baptist Church.
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Political Party: Democrat

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: Belmont-Hillsboro Neighbors, Inc. (President, 2012-2013; Steering Committee Member, 2009-2013; Ex Officio Member, 2014-Present); Friends of Sevier Park, Inc. (Member of Board of Directors, 2013-Present); Volunteer Lawyers and Professionals for the Arts, Arts & 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); Nashville Bar Association (2007-Present); Tennessee Bar Association (2007-Present); Columbia University Alumni Representative Committee (Member, 2000-Present); Harry Phillips American Inn of Court (Barrister, 2015-Present); Nashville MTA nMotion 2015 Transit Master Plan (Member of Oversight Committee, 2015-2017); Metropolitan Board of Fair Commissioners (Commissioner, 2012-2014); Boys & Girls Club of Middle Tennessee's Nashville Reviving Baseball in Inner-Cities (RBI) Program (Chairman of RBI Advisory Board, 2014-2015); 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).

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


Membership History: 109th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Davidson.

Religion: Christian and Jewish family.
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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: Former Chairman: Civil Justice Subcommittee; Former Member: Civil Justice Committee; Education Administration and Planning Committee; Member: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Committee; Legislative Arts Caucus; 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-Hays Study Abroad Grant for 2008, Hubei University.

Membership History: 105th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Shelby.

Religion: Church of Christ.
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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, 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 (UAAPO) 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 First and Second Annual March on Washington, A. Philip Randolph Award Program, 2014-2015. Community Awareness, City of Memphis and Beale Street Master Lease Conflict; Community/Neighborhood Blast-Off, Governor Bill Haslam Presents Improve Act legislation in Memphis, 2017; Mayor Jim Strickland, Guest Speaker 2015; Coalition of Community Unions; Assisted Implementation Refurban (Recycling) Business and The Ticket Program, SCS.

Service in Public Office: Member: Local Government Committee; Transportation Committee; Transportation Subcommittee; Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators (TBCSL) Secretary, 2017 and former 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; NUAF (National Union of American Families) Outstanding Leadership; Honorary Member: Shelby Forest Community; T. O. Fuller State Park; Equal Opportunity Group, Inc. Project Save-a-Student Award; HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) Wellness Award, LeMoyne College; AFL-CIO Leadership Award; Honored by Women of Distinction, AFL-CIO International Award Community Service, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Membership History: 100th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Shelby.

Religion: Catholic.
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Service in Public Office: Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Local Government Committee; Local Government Subcommittee.

Awards and Honors: AmVets Silver Bayonet Legislator of the Year Award, 2017; Distinguished Member Award, Kiwanis International, 2010; Lifetime Achievement Award, Kiwanis International, 2009; F. Stewart Crosley Award, Kiwanis Club of Kingsport, 2008; Paul Harris Fellow Award, Rotary International, 2003; Two-time Recipient of Ruby K. Award, Kiwanis Club of Kingsport.

Membership History: 110th General Assembly.

Counties Represented: Part of Sullivan.

Religion: Baptist.
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Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Three children; B.A., Political Science, The University of Mississippi.
Community Service: Board Member: Leadership Middle Tennessee; Middle Tennessee Council of Boy Scouts of America; Clement Railroad Hotel Museum; City of Dickson Downtown Committee.
Service in Public Office: Vice-Chair: Criminal Justice Committee; Member: Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Insurance and Banking Committee.
Membership History: 110th General Assembly.
Counties Represented: Hickman and parts of Maury and Dickson.
Religion: Methodist.
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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; Morristown Chamber of Commerce (Legislative Relations Committee); National Federation of Independent Business; Rotary Club of Knoxville; Introduction Knoxville, 2012; Civil War Trust; United States Squash Association; Outdoor Advertising Association of America; Independent Billboard Owners; Legislative Advocate for Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy; West Knox Republican Club.

Service in Public Office: Member: Civil Justice Committee; State Government Committee; Civil Justice Subcommittee.

Awards and Honors: 2017 TNCO Legislator of the Year Award; 2016 Guardian of Small Business Award, National Federation of Independent Business.

Membership History: 109th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Knox.

Religion: Christian.
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Political Party: Democrat

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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.

Service in Public Office: House Minority Leader Pro Tempore; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Education Administration and Planning Committee; Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee; Second Look Commission; NCCL - Education Committee; Education Commission of the States; Three Branch Institute; SCORE; ALEC - Education Committee; Governor’s Task Force on Sentencing and Recidivism; Former Chairman: Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators; Former Chairman: Children and Family Affairs Committee.

Membership History: 99th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Shelby.

Religion: Church of Christ.
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Political Party: Republican

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

Service in Public Office: Chair: Transportation Committee; Member: Business and Utilities Committee; Calendar and Rules Committee; Transportation Subcommittee; Vice Chairman: Health Committee (109th General Assembly).

Awards and Honors: Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Hall of Fame. South Central Tennessee Development District, 2014 and 2016 Legislator of the Year.

Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Giles and most of Lawrence.

Religion: Baptist.
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Political Party: Republican

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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; Transportation Committee; 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; Halls Man of the Year; Powell Man of the Year.

Membership History: 99th through 110th General Assemblies.

Religion: Catholic.
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Political Party: 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; Southwest Tennessee Development District Board of Directors.

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; 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, 2015, 2016, and 2017 Legislator of the Year, Southwest Tennessee Development District; 2014 and 2015 Outstanding Legislative Leadership Award, Tennessee Men’s Health Network.

Membership History: 103rd through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Madison.

Religion: Evangelical Christian.
Jeremy Faison

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Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Wife, Miriam; 5 children: Beka, Regan, Gage, Asher, and Tucker; Hunter and fisher of all things wild; Loves all types of music and plays the piano, the bass, and the guitar; Writes music; Holds a license with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture for Pest Control; Started Rocky Top Pest Control almost 12 years ago in Newport, TN; Elected to the TN General Assembly in 2010.

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

Service in Public Office: Chairman: Government Operations Committee; Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; Health Committee; Health Subcommittee; Joint Government Operations Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittee; Joint Government Operations Education, Health and General Welfare Subcommittee; Joint Government Operations Judiciary and Government 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 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Cocke and parts of Greene and Jefferson.

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Political Party: Republican

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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; Sevierville Chamber of Commerce; National Conference of State Legislatures: Law, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee; Integrated Criminal Justice Steering Committee.

Service in Public Office: 110th General Assembly - Chairman: Civil Justice Committee; Member: Criminal Justice Committee; Calendar and Rules Committee; Civil Justice Subcommittee. 109th General Assembly - Chairman: Criminal Justice Committee; Member: Criminal Justice Committee; 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; 2016 Outstanding Representative, County Officials Association; 2016 Legislator of the Year Award, Tennessee American Academy of Pediatrics; 2016 Legislator of the Year Award, Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drug and other Addiction Services (TAADAS).

Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

Religion: Baptist.
JoAnne Humphries Favors

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Political Party: Democrat

Personal Information: Four children: Marva, Kimberly, Randy, and Karen; Ten grandchildren; MS Nursing Administration and Adult Health; BSN; RN; Retired Executive Director of the Southside and Dodson Avenue Community Health Centers; Retired Associate Professor of Nursing.

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; Co-Chair: Mayor’s Women’s 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; Business and Utilities Committee; Health Subcommittee; Select Committee on Rules; Hamilton County Commission, 1998-2005; Trustee: Erlanger Health System, 1997-1999; Former Vice-Chair: Hamilton County Democratic Party.

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 & UnBosssed Award, Girls, Inc.

Membership History: 104th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Hamilton.

Religion: Baptist, Olivet Baptist Church.
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Community Service: President: Athens Kiwanis Club; CEO: International MooFest.
Service in Public Office: Chairman: Education Instruction and Programs Committee; Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; Civil Justice Committee; 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 Area Chamber of Commerce 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 110th General Assemblies.
Counties Represented: McMinn and part of Monroe.
Religion: Baptist.
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Political Party: Republican

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Community Service: Vice Chairman: Fayette County Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse; Former Board Member: Oakland Chamber of Commerce; Member: Somerville Rotary Club; involved with Tennessee Right to Life.

Service in Public Office: Member: Insurance and Banking Committee; Health Committee; Calendar and Rules Committee; Insurance and Banking Subcommittee; Former County Commissioner: Fayette County; Former School Board Chairman: Rossville Christian Academy.

Membership History: 110th General Assembly.

Counties Represented: Fayette, McNairy, and part of Hardeman.

Religion: Baptist.
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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; Former President: National Hook-Up of Black Women; Member: Music City Chapter of Links; Top Ladies of Distinction; Former Tennessee State Coordinator of Social Action: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Former 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 and Board Member Emeritus, Northwest YMCA; Member and Advisory Board: FiftyForward Foundation.

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

Membership History: 105th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Davidson.

Religion: Member: Mt. Zion Baptist Church.
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Service in Public Office: Chairman: Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Member: Business and Utilities Committee; Criminal Justice Committee; former Hamblen County Commissioner.

Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Hamblen.

Religion: Christian.
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Political Party: Republican

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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 Post 95; Hamilton County Republican Party; Hamilton County Pachyderm Club.

Service in Public Office: Member: Business and Utilities Committee; Local Government Committee; Business and Utilities Subcommittee; Vice-Mayor, City of East Ridge, 2014-2016; East Ridge City Councilman, 2012-2014; UT – MTAS Elected Officials Academy.

Awards and Honors: 2014 Chattanooga Area Friends of the NRA Volunteer of the Year; Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers Legislator of the Year for the 109th General Assembly.

Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Hamilton.

Religion: Methodist.
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Community Service: Member and Elder: Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Dyer, TN; Veteran, 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; Member: Calendar and Rules Committee; Government Operations Committee; Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Vice Chairman: Joint Government Operations Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittee; former Gibson County Commissioner; Member: National Conference of State Legislators Environment Standing Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.


Membership History: 106th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Gibson and part of Carroll.

Religion: Cumberland Presbyterian.
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Political Party: Democrat

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 Liberty Land Organization; Shelby County Juvenile Court Advisory Council; New Sardis Baptist Church; Shelby County Democratic Women; Shelby County Debt Collaborative; DADS Against Discrimination (DAD); 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 Liberty Land Organization; Shelby County Juvenile Court Advisory Council; New Sardis Baptist Church; Shelby County Democratic Women; Shelby County Debt Collaborative; DADS Against Discrimination (DAD); Charter Member: Juvenile Court Advisory Council; National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Memphis; Men of Excellence.

Service in Public Office: Member: Insurance and Banking Committee; Civil Justice Committee; Civil Justice 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-Annsdale 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, 2007 and 2009.

Membership History: 105th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Shelby.
Religion: Baptist.
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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: Assistant Majority Leader; Member: Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; House Rules Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee.


Membership History: 103rd through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Greene.

Religion: Lutheran.
Patsy Hazlewood

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Marital Status: Widow
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; Chattanooga Better Business Bureau; Greater Chattanooga Sports Committee; Urban League; Current Member: Board of Finley Stadium; Board of Friends of the Festival; Board Member of Bible in the Schools; Former Board Member of the Tennessee Aquarium: River City Co.; T.C. Thompson Children’s Hospital Foundation.

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


Membership History: 109th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Hamilton.

Religion: Presbyterian.
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Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Wife, Laura; Children, Caroline and Madelyn; Cherokee High School; Walters State Community College; B.S., Computer Science, East Tennessee State University; M.B.A., University of Tennessee.

Community Service: Tennessee Educational Technology Association; Hawkins County Imagination Library; Treasurer: Hawkins County Local Emergency Planning Committee; Hawkins County Republican Party; National Rifle Association; Past Member: Holston Business Development Center.


Awards and Honors: Community Service Award, East Tennessee State University; Graduate of Hawkins Leadership.

Membership History: 109th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Hancock and Hawkins.

Religion: Baptist, Shepard’s Chapel Baptist Church.
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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.
Service in Public Office: Member: Health Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Rules Committee; 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 110th General Assemblies.
Counties Represented: Part of Washington.
Religion: Christian.
Timothy Hill

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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Two sons; 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; Lifetime Member: National Rifle Association.
Service in Public Office: House Republican Whip; Member: Insurance and Banking Committee; Calendar and Rules Committee; Transportation Committee; Insurance and Banking Subcommittee.
Awards and Honors: Tri-Cities Business Journal “40 Under 40;” 2016 Legislative AMVETS of the Year; 2016 American Conservative Union Award for Achievement; 2016 Tennessee Bear Hunters Association Public Servant Award; 2016 FTDD Legislator of the Year.
Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.
Counties Represented: Johnson and parts of Carter and Sullivan.
Religion: Christian.
John B. Holsclaw, Jr.
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Political Party: 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; Carter County Republicans; Carter County Hunting and Fishing Club; NRA; Carter County Kiwanis Club.

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

Membership History: 109th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Unicoi and part of Carter.

Religion: Church of Christ.
Andy Holt
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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Wife, Ellie; six children: Josie, Andrew Jr., Libby, Martha Ann, Sammy, and Anderson; 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; Member/Deacon at Long Heights Baptist, McKenzie, TN.

Community Service: Carroll, Obion, and Weakley County Chambers of Commerce; Carroll, Obion, and Weakley County Republican Parties; Member: 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: Education Instruction and Programs Committee; Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Chairman: Ag Day on the Hill Committee; Weakley County Commissioner.


Membership History: 107th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Weakley and parts of Carroll and Obion.

Religion: Baptist.
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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 and Board of Directors, Executive Committee: Bradley/Cleveland Chamber of Commerce; past Member of Board of Directors: American Red Cross, Hiwassee chapter; Salvation Army Advisory Board Member.


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 through 110th General Assemblies.

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

Religion: First Baptist Church, Cleveland, Tennessee.
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Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Graduate, Bob Jones University; post-graduate work through University of Virginia via FBI National Academy; Retired Police Lieutenant, Kingsport Police Department, 36 years (with the last 25 as a Watch Commander).

Service in Public Office: Vice-Chairman, State Government Committee; Member: Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; State Government Subcommittee.

Membership History: 109th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Sullivan.

Religion: Christian.
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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.

Community Service: 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; Donelson Gateway Project; Old Hickory Masonic Lodge; Shriner, Al Menah Temple.


Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Davidson.

Religion: Hermitage Church of the Nazarene.
Sherry Jones
District: 59

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Marital Status: Single
Political Party: Democrat

Personal Information: Children: Ricky and Summer; grandchildren: Bailey, Aidan, Isabella, and Parker; great-grandson: Paxton.

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: Criminal Justice Committee; 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 to End Domestic & Sexual Violence; Advisor: Exchange Club; Member: Vanderbilt Kennedy Community Advisory Council; Board Member: Mary Parrish Center for Domestic Violence Survivors.

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; The Arc Outstanding Leadership Award; Boys & Girls Club Leadership Award; Tennessee Coalition to End 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 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Davidson.

Religion: Christian.
Roger Kane

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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: 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 Instruction and Programs Subcommittee; Member: Education Instruction and Programs Committee; Education Administration and Planning Committee.
Awards and Honors: President: Karns Business Association; President for 10 years: Karns Fair Board.
Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.
Counties Represented: Part of Knox.
Religion: Jewish/Catholic and Baptist by the Grace of God.
Kelly T. Keisling

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**Political Party:** 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; Board of Directors, Children’s Center of the Cumberlands; National Rifle Association; CMT/ABATE (Concerned Motorcyclists of Tennessee/American Bikers Active Toward Education); TSEA (Tennessee State Employees Association); Life Member: OOIDA (Owner Operators Independent Drivers Association); Member: PIA (Professional Insurance Agents of Tennessee); Insurors of Tennessee; NFIB (National Federation of Independent Business); Vision 20/20 (Macon County).

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


**Membership History:** 107th through 110th General Assemblies.

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

**Religion:** Southern Baptist.
Sabi “Doc” Kumar

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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: Republican

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; President: Nashville Surgical Society, 2017; 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: Vice-Chair: Health Committee; 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 through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Robertson.

Religion: Methodist.
William Gary Lamberth II

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Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Married; two children, ages 8 and 5; 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; Decisions, Choices, and Options (donor and table host); Middle Tennessee Mission Outreach (donor and Honduras team member); Board Member: Historic Rock Castle; 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; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Ethics Committee.

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; 2015 Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence; 2017 Best Elected Official, Main Street Awards - Sumner County.

Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Sumner.

Religion: Baptist.
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Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Four children and five 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; Kiwanis; Civitan.

Service in Public Office: State Government Committee; State Government Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Committee.

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

Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

 Counties Represented: Cheatham and part of Dickson.

Religion: Church of Christ.
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Political Party: 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; Education Administration and Planning 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 with Valor; Combat Action Ribbon; Navy Unit Citation; Meritorious Unit Citation; Good Conduct Medal; Vietnamese Service Medal; Vietnamese Campaign Medal; Carlisle Award recipient.

Membership History: 105th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Shelby.

Religion: Baptist, Deacon of Faith Baptist Church.
Harold Moses Love, Jr.
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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, 1998, with a Master's Degree in theological studies. Currently pursuing a PhD in public administration at Tennessee State University.

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

Service in Public Office: Democratic Caucus Secretary; Chaplain: National Black Caucus of State Legislators; Member: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Ethics Committee; Calendar and Rules Committee; Education Instruction and Programs Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee; Finance, Ways and Means Study Subcommittee; Rules Committee.


Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Davidson.

Religion: African Methodist Episcopal Church.
Mark Lovell

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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: Republican


Community Service: Member: Central Church, Collierville; Founder: Clean Memphis; Created Delta Agribusiness at Delta Fair to promote agricultural education; Board Member: Memphis Chapter Best Buddies; Memphis Chapter of Have A Standard.

Service in Public Office: Collierville Chamber of Commerce; Germantown Chamber of Commerce; Memphis Chamber of Commerce; Millington Chamber of Commerce; Active participant in missions to Guatemala, Kenya, Mexico, and Peru.

Awards and Honors: Recipient of PETA’s Compassionate Business Award for Delta Fair; Best Buddies Appreciation Award; Clean Memphis and Shelby County Commendation for Community Service.

Membership History: 110th General Assembly.

Counties Represented: Part of Shelby.

Religion: Christian.

*Representative Mark Lovell resigned on February 14, 2017.
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; Joint Fiscal Review Committee; Ethics Committee.


Membership History: 103rd through 106th and 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

Religion: Southern Baptist.
Pat Marsh

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Political Party: 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 three granddaughters, Maddie Marsh, Anna Marsh, and Mary Ruth 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; Director: Shelbyville Chamber of Commerce; Tennessee Trucking Association; American Trucking Association; National Rifle Association; 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; Joint Fiscal Review Committee.

Membership History: 106th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Bedford and part of Lincoln.

Religion: Member: First Presbyterian Church.
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Political Party: 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, 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 Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

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

Membership History: 103rd through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Coffee and part of Warren.

Religion: Methodist.
Jimmy Matlock

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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Married 33 years to Déan; three children: Lindsay, Joe (Allyson), and Reagan; attended Middle Tennessee State University and University of Tennessee.

Community Service: Board Member: Tellico Reservoir Development Agency; Barnabus Ministries; Loudon County United Way; Habitat for Humanity; Eaton Crossroads Ruritan Club; East Tennessee Church of the Nazarene Advisory Board; 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: Member: Consumer and Human Resources Committee and Subcommittee; Education Administration and Planning Committee.

Membership History: 105th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Parts of Loudon and Monroe.

Religion: Christian, Church of The Nazarene.
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Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Married; two daughters; Graduate: Leadership Tennessee; University of Tennessee Knoxville; 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: Former Majority Leader; Chairman: Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee; Member: Business and Utilities Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Study Subcommittee; Rules Committee; Tennessee Capitol Commission.

Membership History: 104th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Hamilton.

Religion: Methodist.
Larry J. Miller
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Marital Status: Single
Political Party: Democrat

Personal Information: Daughter, Nikayla; Graduate: Booker T. Washington High School, Memphis; B.A., Social Science, LeMoyne-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; Board of Trustees Member: LeMoyne-Owen College.

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

Membership History: 98th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Shelby.

Religion: Christian.
Bo Mitchell
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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: Democrat

Personal Information: Bo and his wife, Chastity, along with their sons, Parker (12) and Brady (10), 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, 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: Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Transportation Committee; Government Operations Committee; Joint Government Operations Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittee; Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Metro Council, District 35, 2007-present; Director of Community Affairs for Governor Phil Bredesen.

Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Davidson.

Religion: Christian.
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Political Party: Republican

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

Community Service: Advisory Board: Confidential Care Mobile Ministry; Foundation Board: Dyersburg State Community College; Assistant Bible teacher for 20-40-year-old women at Bellevue Baptist Church; Covington Chamber of Commerce; South Tipton Chamber of Commerce; Tipton County Republican Party (various offices); Volunteer in numerous Republican campaigns; National Rifle Association; Gun Owners of America; Disabled American Veteran Auxiliary; Mid-South Military Museum Board Member.

Service in Public Office: Vice-Chairman: Civil Justice Committee; Member: Education Administration and Planning Committee; Civil Justice Subcommittee; Appointed to Human Trafficking Task Force; Joint Ad Hoc Committee on Disability Services.

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

Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Tipton.

Religion: Southern Baptist.
Antonio Parkinson
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Political Party: Democrat

Personal Information: Retired U.S. Marine.

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

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


Membership History: 107th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Shelby.

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Political Party: Democrat

Personal Information: Spouse, Cynthia; five children; eight 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; 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; Ethics Subcommittee; Regional Three Branches Institutes.


Membership History: 105th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Montgomery.

Religion: Christian.
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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Married; two daughters; twelve 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; Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce; Smith County Chamber of Commerce; Clay County Chamber of Commerce; Macon County Chamber of Commerce; Lebanon Rotary Club; Civil Air Patrol; NAFIA; CLU; CHFC; LUTCF; Past President: GAMA; Private Pilot; Gideons International; Lions Club International.

Service in Public Office: Vice-Chairman: Consumer and Human Resources Committee; Member: Insurance and Banking Committee; Consumer and Human Resources Subcommittee; Chairman: Tennessee Legislative Prayer Caucus.

Awards and Honors: Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce 2012 Friend of Business Award for 100 percent voting in the 107th General Assembly; Child Advocacy Award for the 15th Judicial District of Macon, Wilson, Trousdale, Smith, and Jackson Counties; Omicron Delta Kappa Honorarium from Cumberland University.

Membership History: 107th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Cannon and parts of DeKalb and Wilson.

Religion: Christian.
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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-Abbay Hall Neighborhood Association; Cane Ridge Community Club; Crieve Hall Neighborhood Association; Fairlane Park Neighborhood Association; Glencliff 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; Ethics Committee; Business and Utilities Subcommittee.


Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Davidson.
Religion: Episcopal.
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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: 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: 107th through 110th General Assemblies Vice Chairman: Republican Caucus; Member: Insurance and Banking Committee; Business and Utilities Committee; 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; Legislator of the Year, East Tennessee Development District.

Membership History: 107th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Campbell and parts of Union and Anderson.

Religion: First Baptist Church of Jacksboro.
**John David Ragan, Jr.**

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**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 twenty-four 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 45 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:** Vice-Chairman: Joint Government Operations Education, Health and General Welfare Subcommittee; Government Operations Committee; Veterans’ Caucus; Commander: Legislative Squadron of the Tennessee Wing of the Civil Air Patrol; Member: Health Committee; Health Subcommittee; National Council of State Legislatures Natural Resources and Infrastructure Committee; Southern States Energy Board; Co-Chair of the National Council of State Legislatures Nuclear Legislative Working Group.

**Membership History:** 107th through 110th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Part of Anderson.

**Religion:** Southern Baptist.
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Political Party: 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; 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; Emergency Communications Committee; Information Technology Committee; Long Range Planning Committee; Properties, Purchasing and Public Service Committee; Parks and Recreation Committee; Nominating and Reapportionment Committee; Blount County Chamber of Commerce, 1976-present; President: Friends of Blount County Library, 1993; Graduate: Leadership Blount, 2001; Sponsor: Little River Watershed Association; Martin Luther King Community Choir, 2001-present; 2015-2016 participant in United Way of Blount County Gas Day in Maryville; 2015 participant in Muscular Dystrophy Association: Lock-Up!

Service in Public Office: Current: Tennessee House of Representatives; Chairman: State Government Committee; Member: State Government Subcommittee, Health Committee; Statewide Planning and Policy Council for the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; Previous Service: Tennessee House of Representatives, Chairman: Health Committee, State and Local Government Committee; State Government Committee; Member: State and Local Subcommittee, Health Committee, Calendar and Rules Committee, State Government Committee, Health Subcommittee, House Ethics Committee, Autism Spectrum Taskforce, Mental Health Statewide Planning and Policy Council.

Awards and Honors: Wall of Tolerance, National Campaign for Tolerance, 2005; Check and Balance Award, 2011; Winner TSCA Protecting Local Taxpayer Dollars Award, 2011; 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.; Chairman of the Year, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 2012; 2013 Legislator of the Year Award, Greater Nashville Regional Council at the TN Development District Assn.; TN Asn. of Assessing Officers 107th General Assembly Distinguished Service; TN Men's Health Network 2014 Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award; The American Conservative Union 2015 Award of Conservative Achievement; 2015 Disability Hero from the TN Disability Coalition; Open Government Award; Tennessee Press Association 2016; Hand to Heart Award In Memory of The Tanner Lee Jameson Act, 2016; Life is Why Award, American Heart Association 2017.

Membership History: 106th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Blount County.

Religion: Baptist.
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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; Military Officers Association of America - Ft. Campbell Chapter (MOAA); National Rifle Association, Life Member; NRA Certified Shooting Coach, Shotgun Sports; Middle TN Locksmith Association (MTLA); Certified Locksmith; Certified Master Beef Producer.

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

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

Awards and Honors: Legislative Rookie of the Year 2016, Tennessee Forum; Conservative Excellence Award, American Conservative Union; Family Champion Award, Family Action Counsel of Tennessee; Pro-Business Champion Award, NFIB; Most Outstanding Agriculture Senior, APSU; Outstanding Military Science Senior, APSU; Delta Tau Alpha, Agriculture Honor Society; United States Army Achievement Medal, Two Oak Leaf Clusters; United States Army Accommodation Medal, One Oak Leaf Cluster.

Membership History: 109th through 110th General Assemblies.

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

Religion: Church of Christ.
Courtney Leigh Rogers
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Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Married to Mike Rogers twenty-five years; Children: Eryn (23), Michael (20), and Kellen (15); 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: Civil Justice Committee; Transportation Subcommittee.

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; Achieve Award, American Conservative Union, 2015.

Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Sumner.

Religion: Christian, Church of the Nazarene.
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Marital Status: Single
Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Affiliate broker and real estate agent for over 18 years; Owner of direct mail consulting company for over 25 years; Graduate of Smyrna High School; Attended Middle Tennessee State University.

Community Service: Member: Farm Bureau; National Federation of Independent Business; National Rifle Association (NRA); Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce; National Right to Life; Founder & Co-Chair: Republican Business Association of Rutherford County; Former Chair: St. Jude's Children's Hospital Bike-A-Thon; Former Treasurer: Tennessee Volunteers for Life.

Service in Public Office: Member: Insurance and Banking Committee; State Government Committee; Insurance and Banking Subcommittee; Elected to serve as Republican State Executive Committeeman for 18 years; Past Member: Rutherford County Correctional Workhouse Board; Rutherford County Equalization Board; Past Chairman of the Rutherford County Young Republican Federation; Past Middle Tennessee Director of Tennessee Young Republican Federation; Past Treasurer of Republican Party of Rutherford County.

Awards and Honors: Tennessee Republican Party Statesman of the Year; Young Republican Federation Republican of the Year; National Scribe Award for Print and Design; Republican Chairman's Circle Member; Republican Party Lifetime Achievement Award.

Membership History: 110th General Assembly.

Counties Represented: Part of Rutherford.

Religion: Baptist.
Bill Sanderson

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Kenton, TN 38233

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; Western Sun Masonic Lodge.

Service in Public Office: Chairman: State Government Subcommittee; Member: State Government Committee; Joint Fiscal Review Committee; 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 110th General Assemblies.

Religion: Methodist.
Charles M. Sargent, Jr.

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Political Party: 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; Rules Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee; Finance, Ways and Means Study Subcommittee; Williamson County Commission, 1990-1996; Williamson County Planning Commission, 1989-1997.

Membership History: 100th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Williamson.

Religion: Hillsboro Presbyterian Church.
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Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Wife, Lacey; three children: Greer, Olivia, and Nathaniel; 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; Cumberland County Bank; Relay for Life Committee; Fairfield Glade Lions Club.

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

Membership History: 107th through 110th General Assemblies.

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

Religion: Baptist.
Jerry Sexton

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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Wife, Marsha; children, Terri and Matthew.
Community Service: President: Grainger County Chamber of Commerce; Executive Board Member: WSCC Workforce Development Board; Board Member: Tennessee Food on Foot Foundation; Kingswood Home for Children, Grainger County.
Service in Public Office: Member: Local Government Committee; Transportation Committee; Calendar and Rules Committee; Transportation Subcommittee.
Membership History: 109th through 110th General Assemblies.
Counties Represented: Claiborne, Grainger, and part of Union.
Religion: Noeton Missionary Baptist Church.
Johnny W. Shaw
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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: Democrat

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

Community Service: Board Chairman: Western Mental Health Institute; Former Member: West Tennessee River Basin Authority Board; Former Board Member: National Civil Rights Museum; Community Rehabilitation Agencies of Tennessee; University of Memphis (Lambuth); Lifetime Member: NAACP; Madison and Hardeman County Capitol Talk Forums; 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; Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Past Chairman: Tennessee Legislative Black Caucus; Past Member: Legislative Arts Caucus; Rural Caucus; National Black Caucus of State Legislators; Past Committees: Agriculture Committee; Ethics Committee; Finance, Ways and Means Committee; State Government Subcommittee; Agriculture Subcommittee; Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee; Joint Pensions and Insurance; Children and Family Committee; 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 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Parts of Hardeman and Madison.

Religion: Baptist Pastor, St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Stanton, TN.
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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Son of Robert and Bell Sherrell; Two Brothers - Johnny and Danny; One Sister - Doris Welch; Wife - Miranda; Two Children - Marlie and Lee.
Community Service: Grundy County Republican Party; Warren County Republican Party; White County Republican Party; Tennessee Firearms Association; NRA.
Service in Public Office: Member: Criminal Justice Committee; Health Committee; Health Subcommittee.
Membership History: 110th General Assembly.
Counties Represented: Grundy, White, and part of Warren.
Religion: Christian.
Eddie Smith

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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: 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: Vice-Chairman: Education Administration and Planning Committee; Member: Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee; Transportation Committee; Member of Bi-Partisan STEM Caucus; Information Systems Council; Former Deputy Majority Whip.

Membership History: 109th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Knox.

Religion: Member, Fairview Baptist Church.
Mike Sparks

District: 49

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Marital Status: Married

Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Mike was born in Smyrna at the former Sewart Air Force Base. Mike and his wife Felicia have been married 28 years; they have two sons, Preston and Payton; two dogs, Sam and Bella. Mike graduated from Smyrna High School, Middle Tennessee State University and Motlow State Community College with a Mass Communication degree; attended Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, TN; Volunteer State Community College in Business and Emergency Medical Training; CCIM Institute (Certified Commercial Investment Member Institute); Watkins College and Film School; completed NECAT Network, known formally as the Nashville Education, Community, and Arts Television Network; Nashville Auction School; University of Tennessee Governing Principles, class of 2011; Nashville School of Real Estate 2000 and completed the Dale Carnegie Institute. Mike has authored three books, *Learn The Car Business For Fun and Profit, Learn to Barter*, and his latest, *How To Do More With Less During Tough Times*. Mike started his first business, Hard Bodies Fitness Center, in Smyrna at the age of 21 by saving $10,000 and offering him a rate of return of 10 percent interest.

Community Service: NFIB; Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce; Farm Bureau; NRA; Smyrna Rotary Club; Gideon’s International; American Legislative Exchange Council; Past Board Member: American Red Cross, Heart of Tennessee Chapter. The past 11 years Mike has served as co-host of biweekly radio show “Rutherford Issues” on 100.5 FM and 1450 AM heard via WGNS Radio. Mike is a former member of the Nissan Community Involvement Committee. He is a member of the Tennessee Firearms Association and he completed Tennessee Bureau of Investigation’s Citizens Academy, the Tennessee Department of Correction’s Citizens Academy, and the Rutherford County Sheriff’s Citizens Academy.

Service in Public Office: Mike currently serves on the Insurance and Banking Committee, Business and Utilities Committee, and Business and Utilities Subcommittee. He was the former Vice-Chairman of the Local Government Committee; former Vice-Chairman of the Transportation Committee and served on the House Health and Human Resources Committee. Mike also served as a 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 of the TN-ZERO Drug and Crime Task Force.

Awards and Honors: Rotary International “Paul Harris Fellow” Award; The *Daily News Journal* Ruthies Small Business Award winner, 2008-2009; Smyrna Rotary Club Perfect Attendance Award; Mike’s Business MidTNAutos.com was featured nationwide in *Business Journal Magazine* as Tennessee’s first “Dot Com” car company; Mike’s biography was 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; Mike helped initiate Rutherford County’s “Efficiency Task Force;” helped develop Rutherford County “Solid Waste Study Committee;” initiated the idea to host the Goodwill Industries collection trailers at Rutherford County Convenience Centers.

Membership History: 107th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Rutherford.

Religion: Baptist, Christian.
Rick Staples

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Political Party: Democrat

Personal Information: B.A. in Religious Studies and Sociology; Member of Baptist Community Church; Lifelong Knoxville Resident.

Community Service: Vice President of 100 Black Men of Knoxville; Youth Council Member with the Knoxville District Baptist Association; PlanET (Plan East Tennessee); Knoxville’s Neighborhood Working Group; CC Russell Masonic Lodge 262; S.M.A.R.T. Institute Board of Directors; Knoxville Fraternal Order of Police.

Service in Public Office: Assistant Whip; Member: Health Committee; Consumer and Human Resources Committee; Consumer and Human Resources Subcommittee; Calendar and Rules Committee.

Membership History: 110th General Assembly.

Counties Represented: Part of Knox.

Religion: Baptist, Baptist Community Church.
Art Swann
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Maryville, TN 37803

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Marital Status: Married
Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: 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: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Business and Utilities Committee; Former Member: Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; General Subcommittee of Children and Family Affairs; Conservation and Environment Committee; General Subcommittee of Conservation and Environment; Commerce Committee; State and Local Government Committee; Former Secretary: Children and Family Affairs Committee; Former Republican Floor Leader (95th General Assembly); Former Blount County Commissioner.


Membership History: 94th, 95th, and 107th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Blount.

Religion: Episcopalian.
Bryan Terry  
District: 48  
2306 Blackfox Court  
Murfreesboro, TN 37127

Occupation: Physician  
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Office Phone: 615-741-2180  
Birth Date: 10/27/1968  
Marital Status: Married  
Political Party: 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; National Rifle Association.

Service in Public Office: Co-Founder and Co-Chair, Bi-Partisan Freshmen Caucus; Chairman: Health Subcommittee; Member: Civil Justice Committee; Health Committee.

Membership History: 109th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Rutherford.

Religion: Interdenominational Christian.
Dwayne Thompson

District: 96
8398 Shingle Oaks Drive
Cordova, TN 38018

Occupation: Retired Human Resources Professional
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Birth Date: 10/06
Marital Status: Married
Political Party: Democrat

Personal Information: Married to Jennifer; Children, Joseph and Grace; Grandchild, Nora; Graduated from Memphis Public Schools and the University of Memphis in Political Science and Economics; Graduate work in Business Administration from the University of Memphis; Served six years in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Community Service: Society for Human Resources Management; World at Work; American Cancer Society; Wolf River Conservancy; Shelby Farms Conservancy; Cordova Leadership Council; Tennessee Democratic Executive Committee; Germantown Democratic Club; Deacon and Treasurer, Olive Branch Primitive Baptist Church; Board Member: Fire Museum of Memphis.

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

Membership History: 110th General Assembly.
Counties Represented: Part of Shelby.
Religion: Primitive Baptist.
Rick Tillis
District: 92
P.O. Box 1396
Lewisburg, TN 37091

Occupation: Self-employed Jeweler
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Office Phone: 615-741-4170
Birth Date: 9/22/1963
Marital Status: Married
Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Born in Jacksonville, Florida into a family of six children. Married in 1989 to his wife, Terry, whom he met in Memphis, Tennessee where they worked together as Tae Kwon Do instructors.

Community Service: Marshall County Chamber of Commerce; Board Member: Pregnancy Resource Center; Lewisburg Downtown Association; Friends of Henry Horton Park Volunteer.

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

Awards and Honors: 2012 Marshall County Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year.

Membership History: 110th General Assembly.

Counties Represented: Marshall and parts of Franklin, Lincoln, and Marion.

Religion: Christian.
Joe Towns, Jr.

District: 84
4528 St. Honore
Memphis, TN 38116

Occupation: Business/Entrepreneur; Former College Instructor; 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; has a management, consulting, and entertainment company; B.A., Political Science, LeMoyne-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; Gardenview Home Owner Association.

Service in Public Office: Assistant Democratic Leader; Member: Education Instruction and Programs Committee; Insurance and Banking Committee; Insurance and Banking Subcommittee.

Membership History: 99th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Shelby.

Religion: Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church.
Ron Travis  
District: 31  
1318 Armstrong Ferry Rd  
Dayton, TN 37321

Occupation: Insurance Agent  
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Marital Status: Married  
Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Wife, Laura; two daughters, Rachel Travis, granddaughter, Hadley Jane and Jessica (Ben) Shannon, granddaughter, Alley Jo and grandson, Beckham Colby.

Community Service: Member: Downtown Dayton Association; Pikeville, Dayton, Dunlap, and Roane County Chambers of Commerce; Civitan; Emmaus Community; Mainstreet Dayton; Lifetime Member: NRA; Executive Board: Southeast Tennessee Rural Planning Organization; Board of Directors: National Association of Christian Athletes.

Service in Public Office: Chairman: Insurance and Banking Committee; Member: Transportation Committee; Insurance and Banking Subcommittee; 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 110th 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., LeMoyne-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; LeMoyne-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: Transportation Committee; Education Administration and Planning Committee; Treasurer: Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators.

Awards and Honors: 2017 Shelby County Schools "Hall of Fame"; 2017 Political Action Award, Tennessee State Conference of NAACP Branches; 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 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Shelby.

Religion: Baptist.
James “Micah” Van Huss

District: 6
P.O. Box 8662
Gray, TN 37615

Occupation: Web Programmer
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Birth Date: December 31
Marital Status: Married
Political Party: Republican


Service in Public Office: 110th General Assembly: Majority Floor Leader; Member: Criminal Justice Committee; Insurance and Banking Committee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Veterans Caucus; 109th General Assembly: Vice-Chairman: Criminal Justice Committee; Member: Local Government Committee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; 108th General Assembly: Member: Criminal Justice Committee; Health Committee; 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 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Washington.

Religion: Christian.
Kevin Vaughan
District: 95
1115 Halle Park Circle
Collierville, TN 38017

Occupation: Engineer and Real Estate Developer
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Birth Date: 4/30/1962
Marital Status: Married
Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Married; two children; B.S. in Electrical Engineering, Memphis State University, 1984.
Community Service: Vice Chairman: Collierville Schools Board of Education; Board of Directors: Collierville Chamber of Commerce; Collierville Rotary Club; Lambda Alpha International; Memphis Area Association of Realtors.
Membership History: 110th General Assembly.
Counties Represented: Part of Shelby.
Religion: Baptist.

*Representative Kevin Vaughan won the special election for District 95 on June 15, 2017. He was sworn in on August 24, 2017.
Terri Lynn Weaver  
District: 40  
100 Seabowisha Lane  
Lancaster, TN 38569

Occupation: Singer/Songwriter/Small Business Owner  
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Birth Date: 9/19/1957  
Marital Status: Married  
Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: One child and two grandchildren.  
Community Service: Past Chairman: Smith County Republican Party; 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; Tennessee Firearms Association; Lifetime Member: National Rifle Association; Chairman: Lancaster Independence Day Parade; Host Musician: Carthage Annual Christmas Eve Service; Tennessee State Guard; Overmountain Victory Trail Association.

Service in Public Office: Chairman: Transportation Subcommittee; Member: Transportation Committee; Education Administration and Planning Committee; Past Member: Agriculture Committee; Children and Family Affairs Committee; Criminal Justice 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 County 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 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Smith, Trousdale, and parts of DeKalb and Sumner.

Religion: Nondenominational.
Dawn White

District: 37
1522 Riverview Drive
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

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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: Board Member: CASA of Rutherford County; Saint Thomas Rutherford Ambassadors; Advisory Board Member: Discovery Center at Murfree Spring; Member: LifePoint Church; BRAA (Blue Raider Athletic Association); Smyrna Rotary Club; Rutherford Cable; Smyrna Lions Club; Sustainer Member: Junior League of Murfreesboro.

Service in Public Office: Republican Caucus Secretary and Treasurer; Member: Education Administration and Planning Committee; Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee; Business and Utilities Committee.

Membership History: 108th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Rutherford.

Religion: Baptist.
Mark White

District: 83
6820 Talisman Cove
Memphis, TN 38119

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Birth Date: 3/11/1950
Marital Status: Married
Political Party: 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 and 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 Administration and Planning Subcommittee; Vice-Chairman: Fiscal Review Committee; Member: Consumer and Human Resources Committee; Education Administration and Planning Committee; Rules 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 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Shelby.

Religion: Christian.
Sam Whitson

District: 65
803 Fair Street
Franklin, TN 37064

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Office Phone: 615-741-1864
Marital Status: Married
Political Party: Republican

Personal Information: Wife, Pam; two sons and five grandchildren. 8th generation Tennessean. Graduate: Middle Tennessee State University (B.S.), University of Oklahoma (M.P.A.), U.S. Army Command & General Staff College, and U.S. Army War College. Retired in 2002 after serving 26 years as a Regular Army officer. Commanded company, battalion, and brigade level units. Also served in tactical and operational combat units at the platoon, company, battalion, brigade, division, and corps levels. Member of the First United Methodist Church in Franklin.

Community Service: Chairman: Franklin's Battlefield Preservation Commission; Chairman: Carter House State Historical Site; Foreman: Williamson County Grand Jury; Member: Williamson County Republican Party; American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Elks Lodge; Williamson, Inc.; National Rifle Association; Franklin's Charge; Save the Franklin Battlefield; Disabled American Veterans; Franklin Noon Rotary; Military Officers Association of America.

Service in Public Office: Member: Health Committee; Transportation Committee; Transportation Subcommittee.

Membership History: 110th General Assembly.

Counties Represented: Part of Williamson.

Religion: Methodist.
John Mark Windle
District: 41
P.O. Box 707
Livingston, TN 38570

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Office Phone: 615-741-1260
Birth Date: 5/21/1962
Marital Status: Single
Political Party: Democrat

Personal Information: B.S., Finance, University of Tennessee at Knoxville; J.D., University of Tennessee College of Law; M.S., Strategic Planning, United States Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania; 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; Transportation Subcommittee.

Membership History: 97th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Jackson, Morgan, Overton, and part of Fentress.

Religion: Christian.
Tim Wirgau

District: 75
245 Savannah Drive
Buchanan, TN 38222

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Office Phone: 615-741-6804
Marital Status: Married
Political Party: 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: Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Calendar and Rules Committee; Joint Fiscal Review Committee; Local Government Subcommittee; Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR); Former Henry County Commissioner.

Awards and Honors: Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year, 2005.

Membership History: 107th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Benton, Henry, and Stewart.

Religion: Pentecostal.
Jason Zachary
District: 14
11329 Gates Mill Drive
Knoxville, TN 37934

Occupation: Principal and 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 eighteen years, Holly; son, Tyson; Attends First Baptist Concord in Knoxville; A.S. from Pellissippi State; attended University of Tennessee.

Community Service: Board of Directors: International Sports Consulting; Served as Moderator at First Baptist Church Concord; Middle School Basketball Coach at CCS; Member: Farragut Republican Club; National Rifle Association.

Service in Public Office: Vice-Chair: Insurance and Banking Committee; Member: Transportation Committee; Insurance and Banking Subcommittee.

Awards and Honors: Nominated and completed the Emerging Leaders Program at The Darden Business School.

Membership History: 109th through 110th General Assemblies.

Counties Represented: Part of Knox.

Religion: Christian.
110th General Assembly House Districts
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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 all proposed noncompetitive contracts exceeding $250,000 in value and one year in length. The committee must approve any proposed acquisition by the State of leased property prior to action by the State Building Commission. 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 Senator Ken Yager, chairman; Representative Mark White, vice-chairman; Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally, ex officio; Senate Finance, Ways and Means Chairman Bo Watson, ex officio; Senators Brian Kelsey, William F. Ketron, Jr., Sara Kyle, Steve Southerland, and Reginald Tate; House Speaker Beth Harwell, ex officio; House Finance, Ways and Means Chairman Charles M. Sargent, Jr., ex officio; and Representatives Brenda Gilmore, Susan Lynn, Pat Marsh, Larry J. Miller, Bill Sanderson, Johnny W. Shaw, 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
Catherine Haire, 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. The council includes Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally, Senators Bo Watson, Mark S. Norris, Sr., Douglas Overbey, Jim Tracy, John D. Stevens, Todd Gardenhire, and Thelma H. Harper; Speaker of the House Beth Harwell, Representatives Kevin D. Brooks, Kent Calfee, Craig Fitzhugh, Gerald McCormick, Steve K. McDaniel, Charles M. Sargent, Jr., and Karen D. Camper; and non-voting members Jill Bachus, Larry Martin, David H. Lillard, Jr., Rebecca Hunter, and Justin P. Wilson.

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 Chief Justice Jeffrey S. Bivins, chairman; Paige Seals, executive secretary; Justice Cornelia A. Clark; Karen Garrett; 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 members include: Legislative Members: Senators Mark S. Norris, Sr., chairman, Thelma M. Harper, Jim Tracy, and Jeff Yarb; Representatives Mike Carter, Harold Moses Love, Jr., Antonio Parkinson, and Tim Wirgau; Statutory Members: Senate Finance, Ways and Means Chairman Bo Watson; House Finance, Ways and Means Chairman Charles M. Sargent, Jr.; and Comptroller of the Treasury Justin P. Wilson; City Members: Tom Bickers, Mayor of Louisville; Betsy Crossley, Brentwood City Commissioner; A. Keith McDonald, Mayor of Bartlett; and Kay Senter, Vice-Mayor of Morristown; County Members: Ernest Burgess, Rutherford County Mayor; Jeff Huffman, Tipton County Executive; Kenny McBride, Carroll County Mayor; and Larry Waters, Sevier County Mayor; Other Local Government Members: Brent Greer, Henry County Mayor, TN
Development District Association; and Charlie Cardwell, Metropolitan Trustee, County Officials Association of Tennessee; Executive Branch Members: Paula Davis, Assistant Commissioner, Administrative Services, Department of Economic and Community Development; and Iliff McMahan, Jr., Regional Director, Northeast Tennessee Region, Department of Economic and Community Development; Private Citizen Members: Christi Gibbs, Nashville; and Ken Young, Franklin.
Tre Hargett was elected by the Tennessee General Assembly in 2009 to serve as Tennessee's 37th Secretary of State. He was reelected to four-year terms in 2013 and 2017. 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 nine functional divisions, including elections and the Tennessee State Library and Archives, 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. Several of 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 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 it has been expanded to the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC). Charities and solicitors may also register online through the division of charitable solicitations, fantasy sports, and gaming.

Under Secretary Hargett's leadership, the department has implemented a massive overhaul of its technological abilities to embrace customers online. The department offers Tennesseans online voter registration, the GoVoteTN mobile app, as well as county-by-county election results available to all Tennesseans in real time to help increase voter registration, turnout, and awareness. The Library and Archives provides an ever-growing wealth of resources online through the...
Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL). The department’s publications division offers access to the Tennessee Blue Book online in addition to the hard-bound copy, making it more easily accessible to all Tennesseans. An extensive civic engagement initiative encourages more citizens to know how government works and how they can actively participate in the electoral process.

Secretary Hargett was named 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 has served 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, a co-chair of the Military Child Engagement Committee, a member of the Union University Jackson Campus Advisory Board, and of the YMCA Center for Civic Engagement Advisory Board.

He has served as chairman of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA), now known as the Tennessee Public Utility Commission, and 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 has been honored as an outstanding alumnus.

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 the same, and 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; and Baccalaureate Education System Trust.

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 nine functional divisions, eight 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 and the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance 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, Deputy Chief of Staff; Adam Ghassemi, Director of Communications; 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; Mary Collier, Assistant 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; Renee Watkins, 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 Corporations
- Limited Liability Partnerships
- Limited Partnerships
- Mine Foreman Certificates
- Motor Vehicle Temporary Liens
- Nonresident Fiduciary Appointments
- Notary Commissions
- Service of Process
- State Deeds and Leases
- Trademarks
- Uniform Commercial Code
- Workers’ Compensation Exemption Registrations

**Division of Charitable Solicitations, Fantasy Sports, and Gaming:** Mona Hart, 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 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 and fantasy sports.

**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. The coordinator is responsible for the uniformity of election procedures throughout the state and for coordinating the activities of county election commissions. Upon the approval of the secretary of state, the coordinator 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 of Fiscal and Administrative Services; Matt Bailey, Assistant Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development. This division provides the general administrative services necessary to support the department. These include budgeting, accounting, procurement, payroll, and other administrative financial services, and management of the department’s staffing, benefits, employee relations, policies, compliance, and external outreach for recruiting.

Division of Information Technology: Phil Rogers, Director; John Moravec, 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, website infrastructure, and procurement assistance. The information technology 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 Building, 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 the Public and Private Acts of the General Assembly. The division also maintains the Tennessee Administrative Register, the compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee, reports required by the Open Appointments Act, and other filings required by law.

Records Management Division: 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: 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 the Library and Archives.

Public Services. Makes available collections of the 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. Preserves, arranges, and describes permanent records of the state and private manuscripts relating to Tennessee history for public examination.
Archives Development. Provides training and consultation for government officials, historians, archivists, and others interested in establishing records and archive programs.

Legislative History and Recording. Provides Tennesseans access to the audio recordings of the proceedings of the General Assembly, including all committees and subcommittees.

Library Technical Services. Acquires and processes materials, manages the online catalog, and maintains print collections.

Planning and Development. 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. 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 Library and Archives.

The Tennessee Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Collaborates 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.
Administratively Attached Entities

The secretary of state’s office provides only administrative support to these 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.
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.
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 fifth 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 businesses, as well as 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 the audit of state and local government entities and participation in the general financial and administrative management and oversight of state government.


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 communications, and coordinates with the executive branch on statewide issues. It includes the Office of General Counsel which provides legal guidance to all of 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 litigation.

**Office of Management Services: Kathy Stickel, Director.** This office provides administrative and support services to the divisions within the Comptroller’s Office in areas of accounting, budgeting, human resources, and facilities management. 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.

**Technology Solutions: Tricia Kitchens, Director.** This division provides services in systems analysis and development, computer operations, PC support, network support, and other computer-related areas on a centralized basis for all divisions and boards in the Comptroller’s Office. The division also provides staff to the Information Systems Council and Local Government Corporation.

**Department of Audit:** The Department of Audit is composed of two divisions: State Audit and Local Government Audit. The Comptroller’s Office Department of Audit is responsible for providing assurance to taxpayers regarding a governmental entity’s financial position and results of operations, 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 General Assembly 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 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 and the Division 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.
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 ninety counties. Audits in the remaining five 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.

Division of Investigations: Jeff Puckett, Director. The Division of Investigations supports the office's audit function by investigating allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse in government and publicly funded entities and by working closely with law enforcement and prosecutors on criminal allegations. The division reports the results of its investigations, including significant internal control and compliance deficiencies noted during the investigations, to the appropriate parties.

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 also approves the budgets and debt obligations of certain local governments; approves certain investments authorized for local governments; reviews information forms relating to municipal debt; and otherwise assists 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.

Office of Research and Education Accountability: Russell Moore, Director. The Office of Research and Education Accountability provides the General Assembly with objective and accurate research, evaluation, and analysis. This division produces reports and information, at the request of the Comptroller and General Assembly, designed to serve as resource documents for legislators and legislative staff, including the performance of Tennessee’s elementary and secondary school systems. This division assists with preparation of fiscal note support forms for the Fiscal Review Committee, monitors legislative committees and legislation, and analyzes the state budget.

Division of Property Assessments: Susan Gullette, Director. 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; monitoring statewide reappraisal programs; coordinating the IMPACT Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal System; and producing annual tax billing materials. The division also administers the Assessment Certification and Education Program for assessors and their staff. The Division's Office of Local Government serves as the liaison to the U.S. Census Bureau's Local Redistricting Data Program and assists Tennessee's counties with maintenance of property ownership maps. Additionally, the division administers the Property Tax Relief Program and assists counties and municipalities that have adopted the Property Tax Freeze Program.
Office of State Assessed Properties: Gary Harris, Director. The Office of State Assessed Properties conducts annual appraisals, assessments, and audits of public utility and transportation properties. These assessments are certified to counties, cities, and other taxing jurisdictions for billing and collection of property taxes.

State Board of Equalization: Betsy Knotts, Executive Secretary. The State Board of Equalization provides legal and quasi-judicial review of property tax assessments, exemptions, and tax incentive programs. The Board’s key responsibilities include establishing rules, policies, manuals, and guidelines for property tax assessments; administering property tax appeals; reviewing and rendering property tax exemption determinations for religious, charitable, scientific, and nonprofit educational institutions; and ensuring local government compliance with the laws governing certified tax rates and tax incentive programs (TIF/PILOT).

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 on multiple occasions, by several organizations such as the County Officials Association of Tennessee, First Tennessee Development District, Tennessee Realtors Association, and the Tennessee Association of Marriage and Family Therapists.

Mumpower is a graduate of King College and holds a B.A. in Economics with 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. He is also a Rule 31 Listed General Civil Mediator.

Jason is married to Alicia Mumpower. They are the proud parents of one son, Max.
Related Boards and Commissions

**Tennessee State Funding Board (TSFB).** The TSFB is the entity authorized to issue all general obligation debt that has been approved by the General Assembly. As a part of the state’s budget process, the TSFB develops consensus ranges of estimates of state revenue for the current fiscal year and the next succeeding fiscal year to be presented to the Governor and the Chairs of the Senate and House Finance, Ways and Means Committees. The TSFB is also charged with the establishment of policy guidelines for the investment of State funds. In addition, the TSFB approves Other Post Employment Benefit trust agreements for local governments.

**Tennessee Local Development Authority (TLDA).** The TLDA is delegated the responsibility to issue bonds and provide loans to local governments for sewage treatment, waterworks and capital projects, firefighting equipment, airport facilities, and various other purposes. The TLDA, in conjunction with the Department of Environment and Conservation, administers the state’s Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Programs.

**Tennessee State School Bond Authority (TSSBA).** The TSSBA is delegated the responsibility for issuing bonds and notes to finance state institutions of higher education to construct revenue-producing facilities and for reviewing any independent borrowings for universities under the University of Tennessee System and other state universities, as well as for the state community colleges and colleges of applied technology. The TSSBA is also authorized to issue debt to provide funds for the making of student loans by the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation.

**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 addresses 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 also establishes parameters for water accountability.

**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. Water and sewer enterprises that do not meet certain tests are placed under the oversight of the WWFB, which requires those systems to take appropriate actions to correct any deficiencies that may exist. The board also establishes the parameters for water accountability.

**John Greer**

*Utilities Specialist*

The Comptroller’s Utilities Specialist serves as staff to the Utility Management Review Board and the Water and Wastewater Financing Board. The Utilities Specialist is responsible for preparing and presenting all material to both boards; providing assistance to public utilities on a variety of technical, managerial, and financial issues; and providing training to utility system managers and commissioners across the state.

Lee Pope
Open Records Counsel
Office of Open Records Counsel
The Office of Open Records Counsel serves citizens, media, and local governmental entities as a resource for issues related to Tennessee’s public records and open meetings laws. The office also provides educational outreach, and promulgates policies, best practices, and guidelines. The office 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 owners of businesses with fifty (50) or fewer employees. The office provides information and answers questions for Tennesseans who are starting a small business or who already own a small business. Additionally, the office assists in the resolution of issues concerning small businesses and state departments and agencies.

Shiri Anderson
Higher Education Resource Officer
Office of the Higher Education Resource Officer
The Higher Education Resource Officer answers questions and provides information to Tennesseans who are faculty, staff, or employees of Tennessee’s higher education systems and institutions. The Higher Education Resource Officer also reviews and evaluates higher education policy.
David H. Lillard, Jr.
Treasurer
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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 Department of Treasury internally manages investments in domestic equities, fixed income, private equity, real estate, and strategic lending valued at approximately $60 billion throughout the year. Additionally, Treasury directs multiple state programs with a staff of approximately 290 employees and a department budget of $40 million. The Treasury Investment 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 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 defined benefit pension plan, the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS), serves over 350,000 active and retired Tennesseans including all state employees, many higher education employees, K–12 public school teachers, and many local government 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 percent 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, the Tennessee Financial Literacy Commission, and ABLE TN. 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 educators to integrate basic financial concepts into their existing curriculum and delivers other programs to raise the financial aptitude of Tennesseans. Tennessee became the second state in the nation to offer an Achieving a Better Life Experience program when ABLE TN was launched in June 2016. ABLE TN is a savings program designed to help individuals with physical and/or mental disabilities put aside money with tax-free earnings to pay for qualified expenses.

Treasurer Lillard has worked to advocate for state treasury operations and innovations nationwide through leadership roles and work in national organizations. He served as President of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) in 2017. In 2012, he was a recipient of the NASACT President's Award recognizing outstanding service. In 2015, he...
served as the President of the National Association of State Treasurers (NAST). He is currently representing NAST on the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council (GASAC).

Treasurer Lillard is an attorney who earned a Juris Doctor degree at the University of Memphis and also a Master of Laws in Taxation (LL.M. in Taxation) from the University of Florida. He practiced business law for over 25 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, emphasizing 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 also 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 a 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 $60 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 290 employees and a department budget of approximately $40 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**

Treasury’s Investment Division uses an in-house staff with extensive education, training, and 29 professional designations to manage its investments. This team includes members with a wealth of experience from various fields, including substantial institutional investor experience in both the public and private sectors. The department achieves investment returns consistent with 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 chang-
ing environment and pay beneficiaries in a timely manner. The market value of the TCRS fund as of June 30, 2017 was approximately $47.0 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, 2017 balance of approximately $11.3 billion, includes the state’s cash, dedicated reserves, and trust funds, and the balance of the LGIP of $3.06 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, 2017, the Tennessee Promise Endowment Trust had a market value of $463.1 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 totaling $329.1 million as of June 30, 2017.

### Financial Empowerment Division

The Treasury Financial Empowerment Division provides customer-focused programs that educate and support the financial lives of Tennesseans. This division synergizes Treasury’s efforts to engage members of the state’s retirement plan, political subdivisions, and citizens of Tennessee, and empower them to improve their financial well-being. Financial Empowerment Division programs include RetireReadyTN, TNStars College Savings 529 Program, the Tennessee Financial Literacy Commission, and ABLE TN.

**RetireReadyTN**—[RetireReadyTN.org](http://RetireReadyTN.org)

One of the main responsibilities of the Tennessee Treasury Department is administering and managing the state’s retirement plan. Treasury protects the retirement of over 350,000 active and retired state and higher education employees, K–12 teachers, and participating local governments. Treasury diligently manages and oversees investments for the State’s Retirement Plan, RetireReadyTN, as well as provides financial education and counseling for participants throughout every stage of their career. RetireReadyTN consists of a defined-benefit plan, provided by the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System, the State's Deferred Compensation 401k and 457 plans, and retirement readiness education.

**TNStars College Savings 529 Program**—[TNStars.com](http://TNStars.com)

The TNStars College Savings 529 Program (TNStars) is Tennessee’s own tax-advantaged educational savings plan. TNStars is designed to give Tennessee families high-quality investment options
at a low cost to help them put aside money to cover the future cost of post-secondary education. 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.

- 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—TNFLC.org**

The Tennessee Financial Literacy Commission (TNFLC) was created by an act of the General Assembly in 2010, with the mission to equip Tennesseans to make sound financial decisions when planning, saving, and investing. The Commission has been working toward this goal by training elementary and middle school educators in the *Financial Fitness for Life* curriculum and by providing the program free for use in the classroom. Additionally, TNFLC offers an online resource library to provide education on various financial topics for both children and adults.

- The Board of Directors of the TNFLC 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.
- Over half of the TNFLC’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 is a savings program designed to help individuals with disabilities put aside money to pay for qualified expenses. These accounts provide the opportunity to save and invest with tax-free earnings to help participants maintain independence and quality of life. An individual who has been diagnosed with a disability on or before age 26 is eligible to open an ABLE account by meeting one of the following: is eligible to receive Supplemental Security Income, is eligible to receive Social Security Disability Insurance, or has been diagnosed by a qualifying physician as having a physical or mental disability resulting in marked and severe functional limitations that is expected to last no less than 12 months.

**Program Services Division**

**Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS)—Treasury.tn.gov/TCRS**

The TCRS is the largest administrative function in the Treasury Department. Treasury personnel perform record keeping, benefits payment, employer reporting, employer contribution payment, and all related administrative functions necessary to operate the retirement system. TCRS serves
over 350,000 active and retired state, higher education, and participating local government employees as well as K–12 public teachers. TCRS Administration has won multiple awards, including, for twenty-nine consecutive years, the Certificate for Achievement 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, 2017, TCRS paid total benefits payments of $2.4 billion, with approximately 92 percent of retirees being residents of Tennessee.

**Unclaimed Property**—[Treasury.tn.gov/unclaim](http://Treasury.tn.gov/unclaim)

Unclaimed property is money and other intangible assets that have been turned over to the State by businesses and organizations who cannot locate the rightful owners. This includes property such as bank accounts, stock certificates, checks, unclaimed wages, refunds, and gift certificates. The Unclaimed Property Division utilizes multiple techniques to reunite the property with its rightful owner, including outreach events throughout the state, website listings, and mailings. There is more than $819 million in unclaimed property in Tennessee waiting to be returned to rightful owners. In the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2017, Treasury returned $47.9 million to citizens. Treasury provides a searchable online database of the owners’ names, and Tennesseans are encouraged to use the tool at claimittn.gov to claim their funds.

**Claims and Risk Management**—[Treasury.tn.gov/ClaimsAdmin](http://Treasury.tn.gov/ClaimsAdmin) and [Treasury.tn.gov/risk](http://Treasury.tn.gov/risk)

The Claims and Risk Management Division works to protect the financial integrity of all State-owned assets and maintain a safe working environment for State employees and the general public. The Division also processes claims against the State and employee workers’ compensation for State and Higher Education. As of June 30, 2017, the State's total insured property value was $22.7 billion and the Division processed 2,952 Workers’ Compensation claims through fiscal year 2017.

The Division operates the Criminal Injuries Compensation Program, providing financial assistance to victims of crime and reimbursement to providers through the Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE). The Treasury Department paid $11.7 million in claims from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2017.

The Division also operates the DUI Monitoring Fund, providing reimbursement for costs associated with monitoring devices and services for persons convicted of a DUI who must have such devices while on a restricted license, probation, or parole.

Additionally, the Claims and Risk Management Division also provides support to the Board of Claims.

**Office of the State Architect**—[tn.gov/osa/](http://tn.gov/osa/)

The Office of the State Architect serves as the chief staff support to the State Building Commission, which oversees all state capital projects and real estate transactions. The State Architect implements standards for design and construction and monitors compliance of real estate and construction with State statutes and policies. The State Architect and staff support the functions of the Tennessee State Building Commission. In addition to the State Building Commission, the Office of the State Architect supports the functions of the State Capitol Commission, and the State Architect is a member of the Tennessee Residence Commission and Prevailing Wage Commission.
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