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IN THE PAST 18 MONTHS, we've seen how government policies impact every aspect of our lives. We've learned how important it is to have somebody looking out for your interests at City Hall, the county council chambers, the State House, and in Congress.

The Greenville Chamber watches out for your business and does everything it can to maintain a pro-business environment in the Upstate.

As the Voice of Business in the Upstate, the Greenville Chamber and our partners in the Upstate Chamber Coalition and the S.C. Metro Chambers Coalition work every day to create a public policy climate that makes it easier for you to sustain and develop your business. Our team works hard to advocate and educate the Greenville business community on public policy issues that will affect our community and impact your bottom line.

We scored several landmark victories in 2021, including passing Liability protections for businesses from COVID-19 lawsuits, new tax deductions for small business, additional funding for an expansion of the Port of Charleston which will expand Upstate exports, and we blocked several bills that would have hurt our business climate.

Our political process needs business leaders like you more than ever. Political populism and partisan gridlock have skewed our public discourse and makes it harder than ever to seek compromise. Our mission "to lead, convene, and mobilize the business community to drive regional economic growth" intends to cut through the noise and grow a greater Greenville.

We're heading into an election year, and we encourage you to get involved with our programs. Attend an event like our National Issues Forum in Washington (page 14) in September or our monthly Politics on Tap events. Join a committee like our Advocacy Committee (page 12) where you can keep up with the latest issues. Give to our Political Action Committee (page 10) and help us elect candidates focused on the future. Attend a candidate forum, or volunteer to help us screen candidates this spring. Email advocacy@greenvillechamber.org for more information on any of these initiatives.

On the following pages, you will find our policy agenda for 2022. This guide was created with the input of more than 650 regional businesses and their employees. As your advocates, the Greenville Chamber works tirelessly to promote public policy that unleashes new opportunities for Upstate businesses and protects your interests. Together, with our 16 chamber partners across the state, our Advocacy program leverages our collective power to get things done.

Thank you for your support of the Greenville Chamber. We look forward to working with you this year!

Will Huss 2022 Board Chair
CEO, Trehel Corporation

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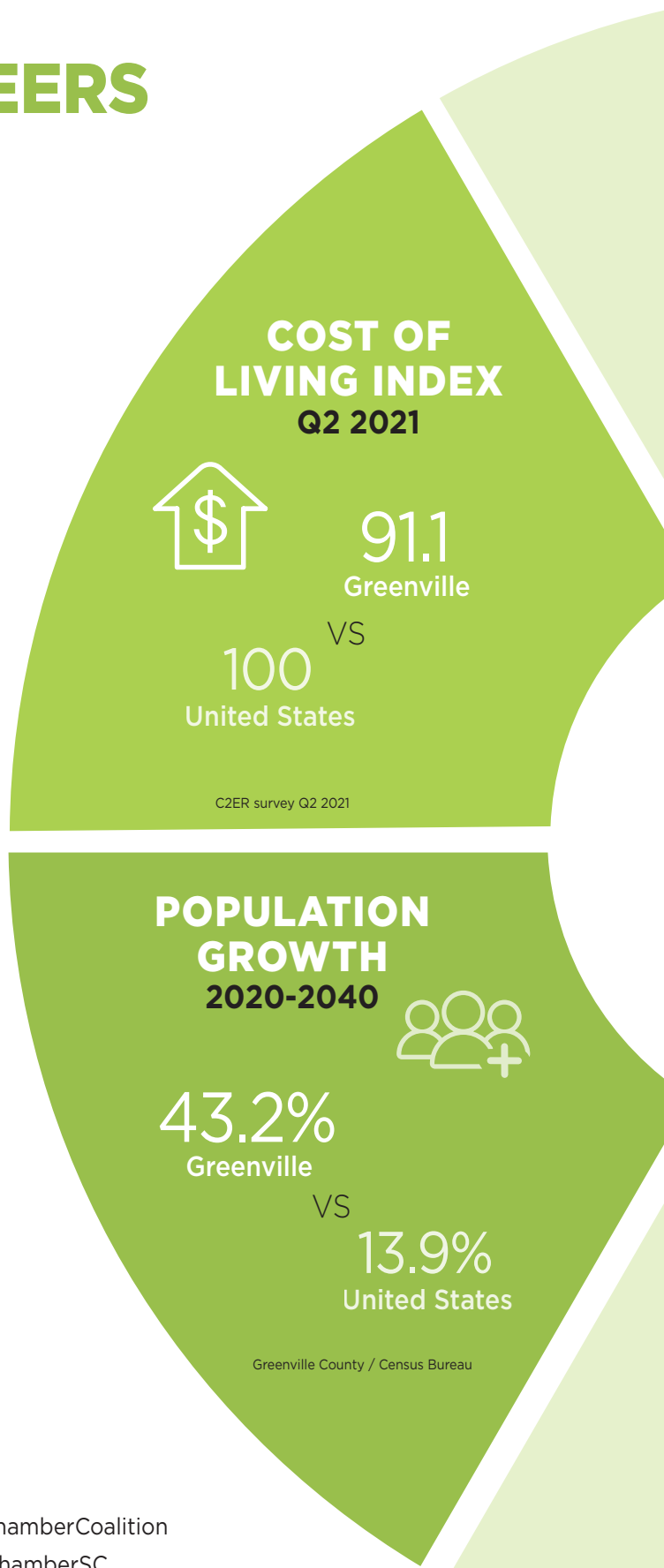
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JOB GROWTH
2020-2040



19.3%
Greenville
VS
15.4%
United States

REMI/ Clemson University

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME
2020



\$52,213
Greenville
VS
\$59,510
United States

U.S. Department of Commerce

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT
2019



46.4%
Greenville
VS
51.9%
United States

Lumina Foundation

GDP GROWTH
2010-2019



61.2%
Greenville
VS
43.0%
United States

U.S. Department of Commerce

The Greenville Chamber is focused on creating a **globally competitive Upstate economy**

where businesses succeed and people prosper. As we prepare our rapidly growing region for this bold future, we're using these metrics to guide our policy decisions.

It is critical that we enact policies to meet those growth challenges while exceeding national metrics in educational attainment and per capita income.



STATE LEVEL AGENDA



“Few relationships are as critical to the business enterprise as the relationship to the government...”

To a large extent the relationship to government results from what businesses do or fail to do.”

-PETER DRUCKER

Boost Economic Development & Infrastructure

REFORM RECRUITING INCENTIVES to make it easier to **ATTRACT SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS** in knowledge-based and corporate headquarters jobs.

EFFECTIVELY USE ARPA FUNDING ON TRANSFORMATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS INCLUDING:

Finishing the **EXPANSION OF THE INLAND PORT** and **PORT OF CHARLESTON**

EXPANDING BROADBAND SERVICE throughout the Upstate

FUND WATER AND SEWER REPLACEMENT and expansion projects

Jumpstarting major **INTERSTATE AND ROAD PROJECTS**

Building a **STATE ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE**

Increase state **INVESTMENT IN TOURISM ADVERTISING**, which supports our current hospitality industry and can lead to tourists relocating and becoming employers in South Carolina.



\$32.8 billion
The Port's economic impact on the Upstate

Increase Educational Attainment and Talent Attraction

Pass policies that will **INCREASE EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT** of our students and workforce.

Seek solutions to **EXPAND THE ACCESSIBILITY AND THE AFFORDABILITY OF CHILDCARE** to ensure working parents may fully participate in the workforce.

Support the **HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCE ACT** and the **HIGHER ED EFFICIENCY ACT** to both support innovation in our state colleges and universities and relieve the tuition burden for South Carolina students.

INCREASE TEACHER PAY to the national average.



60%

The goal percentage of adults 25-64 years of age who will have a high-quality post-secondary certificate, credential or degree tied to economic mobility. **Greenville County's educational attainment level was 46.4% in 2019.**

Source: Lumina Foundation, A Stronger Nation Report



SC MINIMUM TEACHER PAY
\$36,000

Beginning 2021–2022 School Year

NATIONAL AVERAGE STARTING TEACHER PAY

\$41,163

Beginning 2021–2022 School Year

GRENVILLE COUNTY STARTING TEACHER PAY

\$42,515

2019 – 2020 School Year

Teacher Pay by the Numbers



\$23.9 billion

The underfunded cost of the state's pension system. The state only has 54% of its future liabilities covered.

Improve Our State's Fiscal Health

CLOSE THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM to new employees and move to a defined contribution plan to better serve new employees and preserve the system for current retirees.

Reform Our Criminal Justice System

REVIEW STATE LAW to expand the non-violent felony offenses for expungement and prepare inmates for high-demand career opportunities. These provisions include: reforming civil asset forfeiture laws, passing a hate crimes penalty enhancement, assisting returning citizens with vital records, and pass a state tax credit for hiring returning citizens.



Nearly **600 individuals**

return from the prison system to Greenville County each year. It is crucial to our workforce development efforts and our recidivism rates that they are able to return to work as easily as possible.



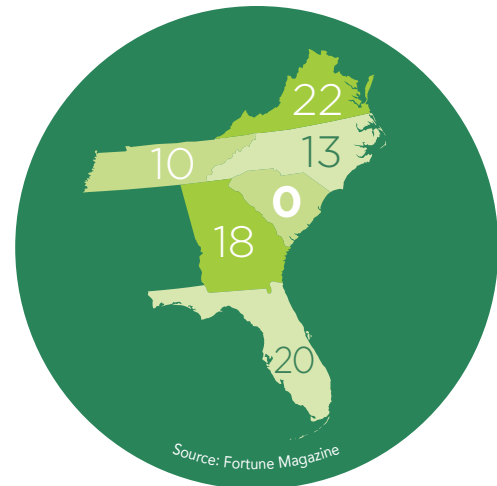
SC is ranked #37

in state legal climate ranking (source - US Chamber Institute for Legal Reform)

Improve The Business Climate

Re-institute joint and several **PROTECTIONS FOR BUSINESSES** to reasonably reflect fault **IN TORT ACTIONS.**

The Chamber **SUPPORTS INCOME TAX REFORM** to ensure our income tax rates are **IN-LINE WITH OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE SOUTHEAST** and ensure it is more fair, equitable, and competitive.



Number of Fortune 500 Headquarters in Southeast U.S.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hate Crimes Legislation

(H. 3620 – BLOCKED ON SENATE FLOOR)

This legislation creates additional penalties for hate crimes committed against people in six federally protected classes plus LGBTQ residents. The bill was blocked by a group of Upstate Senators when it passed the Senate Judiciary Committee and is on the Senate Calendar.

Finish the Port of Charleston Expansion

In 2021, the General Assembly started the expansion with one-time money from the budget. In 2022, we need to finish supporting the project that will enhance our ability to get Upstate goods to the world, take trucks off the road, assist the Inland Port, and keep the Port of Charleston at Must Call Port status.

Drug Weights Legislation

(H. 3623 IN SENATE)

The bill reduces penalties for drug crimes, including eliminating mandatory minimum sentences, reducing no-parole eligible sentences, and increases the drug amounts necessary for charges. When we passed the historic expungement legislation in 2018, changing the drug weights eligible for felony charges was commonly cited as a problem, and legislation we considered as a next step.

Higher Education Efficiency Act

(S. 376)

This bill allows the Board of Trustees of an institution of higher education to establish an auxiliary division and reviews the terms of the auxiliary division. This gives our colleges and universities some additional flexibility to meet the needs of the market without having to go before the Commission on Higher Education to get every little thing approved.

Immigrant Licensure

(H. 3423 – BLOCKED ON SENATE FLOOR)

This legislation extends access to state professional licenses for certain immigrants who have been granted legal working status in the United States by the federal government. As many as 10,000 people in our state could be impacted.

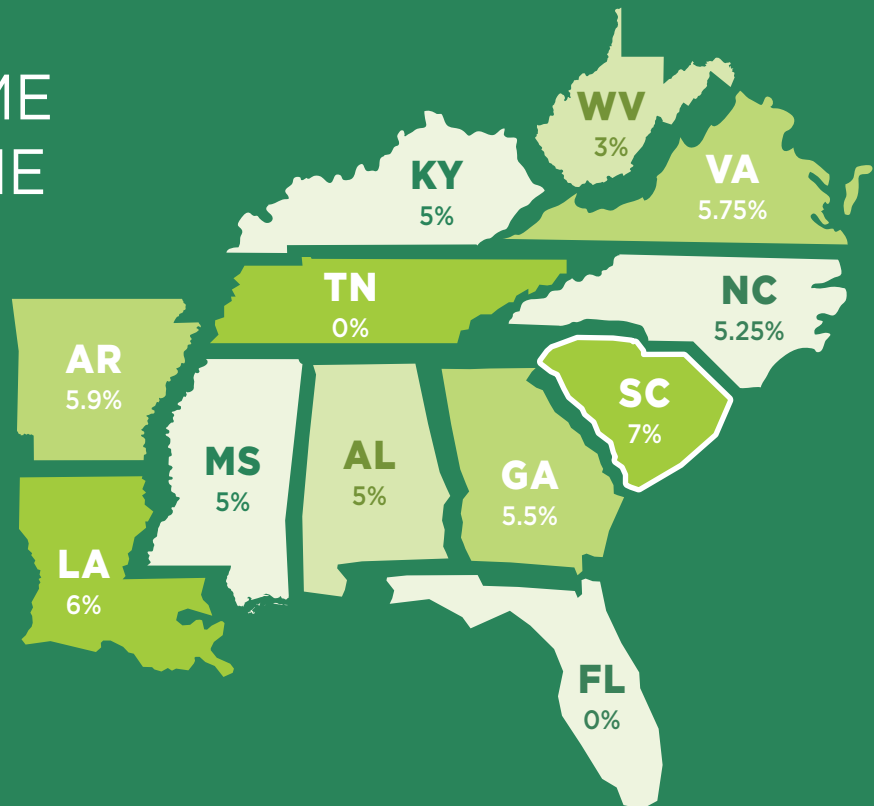
Tax Credit for Returning Citizens

(H. 3348)

H. 3348 extends a \$5,000 tax credit to companies that employ formerly incarcerated individuals. This bill also includes veterans in the tax credit if hired for apprenticeship programs. This mimics an existing federal tax credit, and we have supported this legislation for several years to help encourage the hiring of returning citizens.

HIGHEST INCOME TAX RATE IN THE SOUTHEAST

Our state's income tax rates are the highest in the Southeast. To better position ourselves for economic development and talent attraction, we must ensure our taxes are fair, equitable and competitive.



LOCAL LEVEL AGENDA

Greenville is too big and growing too quickly to wait on a creaky state government to help. Our community requires *visionary leadership* to *address critical needs with infrastructure, education, housing, and healthcare.*



Meet our Growth Opportunities



220,000
People expected to move to Greenville County between 2020-2040

Establish a sustainable and substantial **LOCAL FUNDING SOURCE FOR** our overburdened **ROADS AND OTHER KEY INFRASTRUCTURE.**

Pass a **UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TO MODERNIZE LAND USE AND ZONING** throughout Greenville County and put teeth into the county's Comprehensive Plan.

Finish key **INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS** including the **COMPLETION OF SEWER UNIFICATION** and the **NATURAL GAS REDUNDANCY PIPELINE** project.

Set the groundwork for a **CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX** to meet our community's needs.

ENACT ZONING ORDINANCES in unzoned areas of Greenville County to protect both landowners and developers.



\$175 million
Estimated cost of deferred maintenance and other needed repairs to our sewer systems

Expand Economic Opportunity

Drive business growth and economic prosperity by **ADDRESSING RACE-BASED DISPARITIES IN EDUCATION, INCOME, AND HEALTH.**

Increase local operations funding to **EXPAND GREENLINK SERVICE** under the terms of its long-term development plan.

REMOVE REGULATORY BARRIERS to development of workforce and affordable housing.

Boost Economic Development

Ensure completion of the **GREENVILLE DOWNTOWN CONFERENCE CENTER.**

Create a long-term plan for the existing **GREENVILLE CONVENTION CENTER.**

Continue to aggressively seek the **DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE.**

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BIGPAC contributions give us a single, powerful voice supporting the candidates who support Greenville.

We can change the debate in 2022, but we can't do it without your support!

UPSTATE REDISTRICTING

After every Census, the Constitution requires a re-drawing of political lines to fairly represent population. In late 2021 and early 2022, South Carolina will re-draw lines for Congressional districts, State Senate and State House districts, and all the way down the ladder to county councils, city councils, and school boards.

Many of these bodies have already held public hearings and released initial maps, but as our Policy Guide went to press, none of the lines have been signed into law. We are not expecting any massive, disruptive changes in the Upstate, so the maps on the following pages will be close to what you should see. However, thousands of people will find themselves with new representatives in early 2022, and it is important that voters check to see if they have a new district before voting next June.

As the lines are finalized, we will post resources in early 2022 at greenvillechamber.org and upstatechamber.org so you can check your district status. And please get out and vote in 2022!



* The South Carolina redistricting process was not completed at the time of publication. These maps will change, based on this process. In 2022, go to scvotes.org to check your voter registration and see if your voting districts have changed.

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GREENVILLE CHAMBER'S BUSINESS ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Advocacy Committees

The Greenville Chamber's Business Advocacy program works on behalf of the Upstate business community in order to create a globally competitive Upstate economy where businesses succeed and people prosper. We focus on the political issues facing business, so you can focus on running your business. Our committee members delve deep into the issues and connect with decision makers to help us influence policy. For meeting dates, visit greenvillechamber.org



BUSINESS ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

The **cornerstone policy committee at the Greenville Chamber**. Open to all Chamber investors, the Business Advocacy Committee convenes business leaders and policy makers to develop the policies needed to ensure economic growth.

Joining this Committee allows local business leaders to elevate their policy discussions and political connections.

Co-Chairs: MILTON SHOCKLEY | Re/Max Realty
BRAD MEDCALF | Pinnacle Financial Partners



GROWTH & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Greenville is **expected to add more than 200,000 residents and 100,000 jobs by 2040**. This rapid growth will stress the Upstate's infrastructure. The Growth and Infrastructure Committee will develop the policy solutions needed to **meet the needs of a growing business community** while protecting our quality of life.

This Committee will forward policy positions to the Advocacy Committee for inclusion in the Chamber's Policy Agenda.

Co-Chairs: BOB KNIGHT | Public Strategy
JENNIFER MUSTAR | HDR Inc



HEALTHCARE & COMMUNITY WELLNESS COMMITTEE

This committee is focused on the Upstate's healthcare landscape, with **special attention to access to care, healthcare innovation, and community health**. Studies clearly show that a healthy community is a prosperous community. This committee will develop sound policy solutions with the input from experts in physical and community health, business, and policy.

This Committee will forward policy positions to the Advocacy Committee for inclusion in the Chamber's Policy Agenda.

Co-Chairs: LAURA TURNER | Prisma Health
CO-CHAIR TBD



ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

This committee **advocates for environmental and sustainable energy policies** that are responsive to Greenville's rapid growth and manufacturing economy. We will do this by creating policy solutions based on sound science and risk management, while protecting the operations of Upstate businesses.

Co-Chairs: JASON MARTIN | Duke Energy
CO-CHAIR TBD

POLITICS AT WORK



Another election year is upon us, and political polarization and partisanship is impacting business interests more than ever. In 2022, our Congressional seats, all of our state House of Representatives, five County Councilors, and six School Board seats are on the ballot.

Do your employees fully understand how the promises made by a candidate may impact their employer?

It is more important than ever that your employees understand how political decisions will impact business. Here are a few common-sense rules you should follow the next time there is a major political issue that could impact your company:

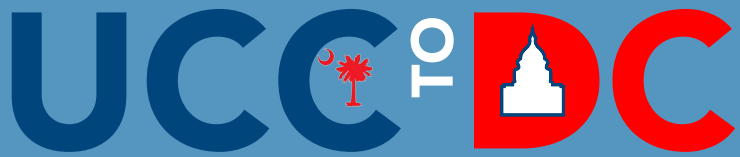
- You can communicate with your employees and their families about **LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, OR BALLOT REFERENDUMS**.
- You **SHOULD NOT** direct the political activities of your employees.
- You may **ENCOURAGE YOUR EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE** legislation, regulations, or ballot referendums.
- You **MAY NOT** tell employees how to vote. (That is a fine line that can be vetted by an attorney).
- You may communicate your **MESSAGE TO YOUR EMPLOYEES** using postal mail, advertising, direct mail, phone banks, or internal mail.
- You **MAY NOT** put political messages into your employees' paychecks.
- You can tell employees and their families about the **IMPACT A LAW, BILL, REGULATION, OR REFERENDUM MAY HAVE ON YOUR BUSINESS**.
- You **MAY NOT** reward or punish your employees for their political actions.
- **CERTAIN ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW** so please consult your legal counsel with specific questions.

What is the value of an education at Greenville Technical College?

A third-party evaluation concluded that GTC graduates **earn more than 40% higher** annual incomes than those with just high school diplomas. Over a working lifetime, this means about **\$540,000** in more **personal income** per grad. And higher earnings lead to increases in the tax base.

Source: *GTC Economic Impact Study*. www.gvltec.edu/roi/

Greenville
Technical College
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A SMALL PRICE FOR POLITICAL INFLUENCE

Our political landscape is often overwhelming: a jumbled maze of political jargon, complicated processes, and confusing customs. When you invest in the Greenville Chamber, you gain instant access to a dedicated team of advocates who wake up every day fighting for the greater good of our Upstate business community.

Throughout the year, our lobbyists have more than 150 direct meetings with elected officials from across the state and log more than 1,000 hours on the ground at City Hall, County Square, the Statehouse, and in Washington. Our team brings to the table decades of advocacy experience and, perhaps most importantly, decades of cultivating relationships – from City Hall to the halls of Congress.

Your investment in the Greenville Chamber means you are also a member of two larger, stronger coalitions – the Upstate Chamber Coalition and the S.C. Metro Chambers Coalition. The Upstate Chamber Coalition is comprised of 13 member chambers throughout the Upstate, who fight with one business voice, making sure your business's best interests are protected. Formed in 2020, the Metro Chambers Coalition is comprised of the Greenville, Columbia, Charleston, Charlotte, and Myrtle Beach Chambers, representing the five largest metro areas in the state. These coalitions move the needle on important, state-wide priorities that impact all our communities and investors. The combined relationships and strength of these two groups continue to amplify your business's voice in Columbia.

We make a complicated process simple so that you can get back to what you do best: growing your business. You will be heard on the issues that matter most to your business through our annual legislative survey as well as a host of advocacy committees. Then, our team keeps you updated on progress made throughout the year.

For Chamber Investors, a complicated process becomes simple.

Sign up for our weekly advocacy email blasts – email advocacy@greenvillechamber.org to be added

Join a committee – learn more on p. 12

Make your voice heard – participate in a call to action on issues impacting your business

Attend an advocacy event and our fall Legislative Listening Tour Sessions

Take the legislative survey and shape our Agenda

Then, let us do the heavy lifting for you. Through every twist and turn, we're there.

2022 ELECTION CALENDAR

MARCH 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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MARCH 16 – 30

FILING FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

JUNE 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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JUNE 14

SC STATE PRIMARY

NOVEMBER 2022

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NOVEMBER 8

GENERAL ELECTIONS

Who's up for re-election:

U.S. SENATOR Tim Scott

SC CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS All Positions

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE OFFICES All Positions

GOVERNOR AND STATEWIDE ELECTED OFFICIALS

SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE MEMBERS All Positions

GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICTS
17, 18, 19, 23, 26

GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AREAS
18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28

FOUR WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

1

JOIN OUR ADVOCACY COMMITTEES

The Greenville Chamber has four Advocacy committees to engage your interest: Business Advocacy, Growth and Infrastructure, Healthcare and Community Wellness, and Energy and Environmental Compliance. These committees give our investors the opportunity to hear from experts in these policy areas, connect with your local elected officials and regulators, network with Chamber investors with similar interests, and stay abreast of new legislation and regulations.

More info on these committees can be found on page 12.

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STAY INFORMED BY JOINING OUR GRASSROOTS LIST

You're busy running your business, so we know that you don't have time to pour over jargon-heavy legislation or stream hours-long committee meetings. By joining our Grassroots list, you'll receive regular updates from the Chamber's Advocacy staff on important legislation and political events that affect your business. These weekly updates are jargon free and meant to provide a quick snapshot to keep you informed.

If you'd like to be added to our Grassroots list, email us at advocacy@greenvillechamber.org.

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ADVOCATE FOR YOUR BUSINESS

As legislation moves through the process, we often call on our investors to use their voice to help clear legislative hurdles. You can advocate for pro-business legislation or squash anti-business legislation by responding to the Chamber's Calls to Action. If there is an issue that you're passionate about, take a few minutes to write your representative an email or give them a call. Personal contact is always the best option over automated emails. If you enjoy that, you can take our Advocacy 101 class offered each fall. That class will give you the tools you need to advocate effectively for your business and the issues you care about.

Direct advocacy is one of the best ways to get involved in shaping policy.

4

ATTEND ONE OF OUR MANY ADVOCACY EVENTS

The Greenville Chamber and our partners at the Upstate Chamber Coalition hold many Advocacy events throughout the year. Whether you're interested in running for office, want to learn about how to advocate for your issues, want to learn more about policy, or like to meet members of our local, state, and federal delegations, we hold events that offer all of these opportunities and more.

Take a look at our upcoming 2022 events at greenvillechamber.org, or email advocacy@greenvillechamber.org for more information.



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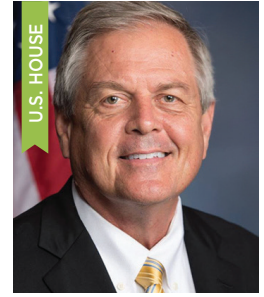


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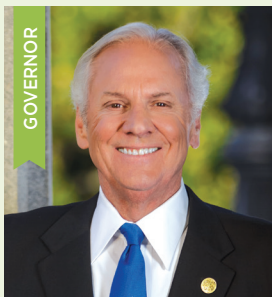
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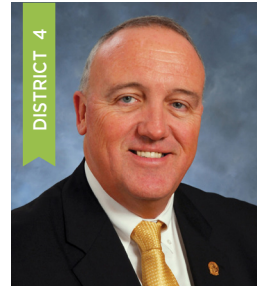
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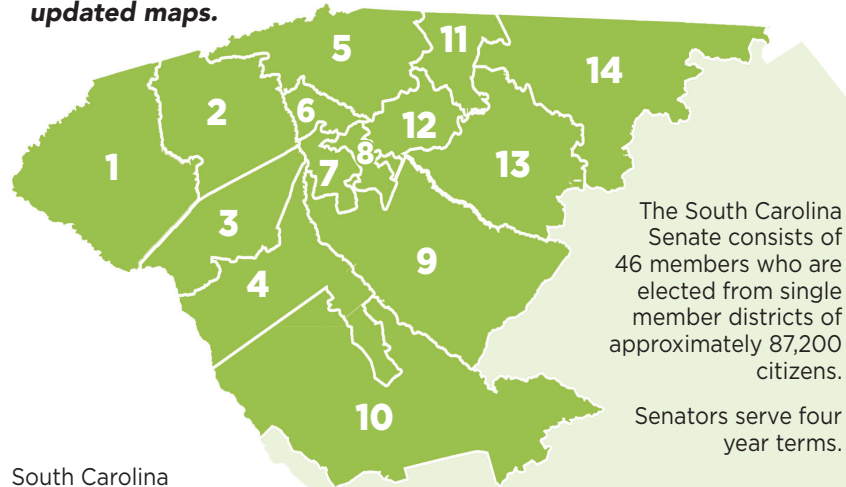


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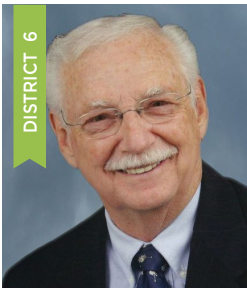


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Senators serve four year terms.



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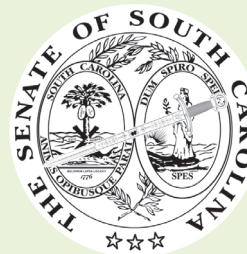
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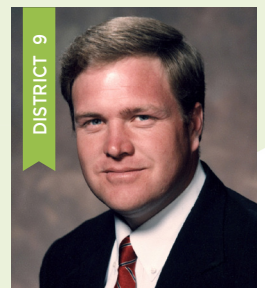
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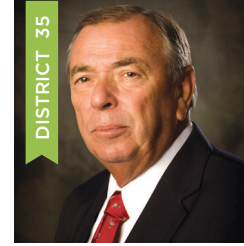
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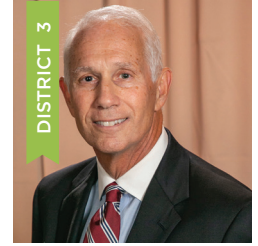
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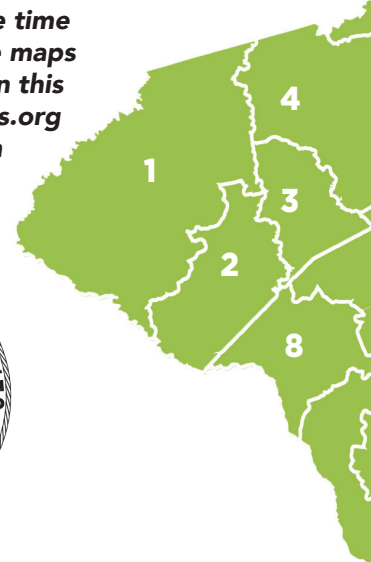
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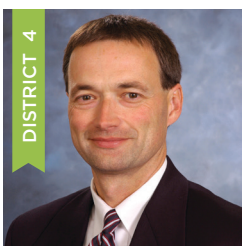


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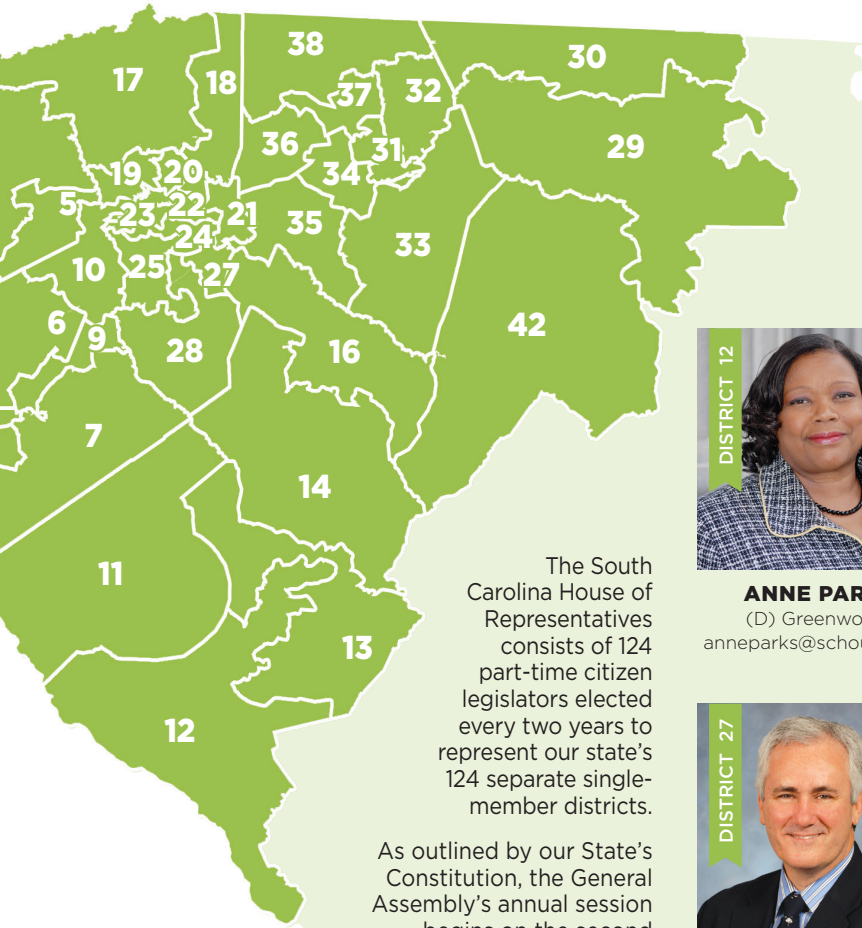
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As outlined by our State's Constitution, the General Assembly's annual session begins on the second Tuesday in January and runs through the second Thursday in May.



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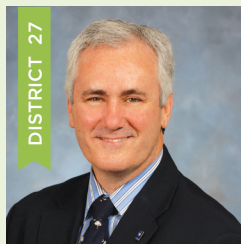
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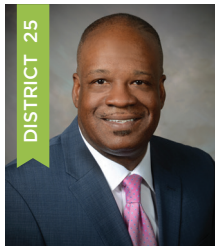
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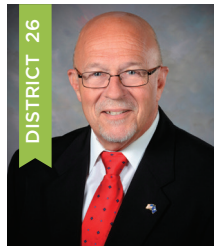
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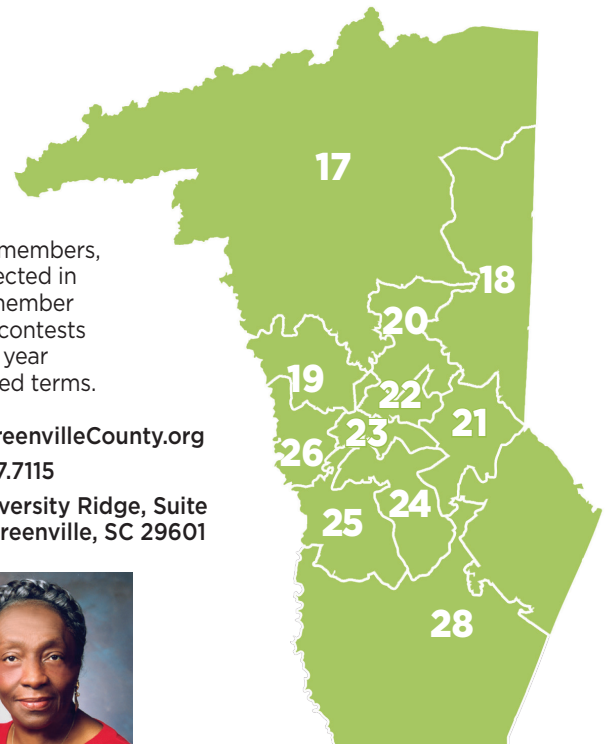
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WARD 1
Jason B. Sanders

WARD 2
Jay Thomason

WARD 3
Joey Garrett

WARD 4
Phil Clemmer

WARD 5
John Don

WARD 6
Mack Blackstone

Greer

MAYOR
Rick Danner

DISTRICT 1
Jay Arrowood

DISTRICT 2
Karuian Booker

DISTRICT 3
Mark Hopper

DISTRICT 4
Lee Dumas

DISTRICT 5
Wryley Bettis

DISTRICT 6
Judy Albert

Mauldin

MAYOR
Terry Merrit

SEAT 1
Taft Matney

SEAT 2
Carol King

SEAT 3
Jason Kraeling

SEAT 4
Michael Reynolds

SEAT 5
Frank Allgood

SEAT 6
Diane Kuzniar

Simpsonville

MAYOR
Paul Shewmaker

WARD 1
Matthew Gooch

WARD 2
Aaron Rupe

WARD 3
Jenn Hulehan

WARD 4
Sherry Roche

WARD 5
Ken Cummings

WARD 6
Lou Hutchings

Travelers Rest

MAYOR
Brandy Amidon

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The Greenville City Council consists of a mayor, elected at-large, and six council members, two of whom are elected at-large and four who are elected from their respective districts.

- All members serve a four year term.
- Elections are conducted every two years.
- Together they constitute the legislative body of the City.

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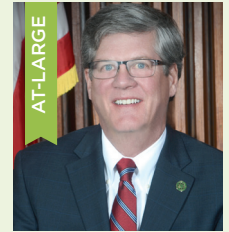
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GUIDE TO LOBBYING ELECTED OFFICIALS

WAYS To Engage

Tips on engaging with your elected officials to advocate for issues you are passionate about.

MAKE A CALL

CALLING IS THE BEST option if a vote is coming up soon.

ALWAYS SAY WHO YOU ARE, where you're from ("I live in your district!"), and what role you play in the community ("I own Smith's Auto Shop,").

MAKE YOUR REQUEST and be respectful of the official's time.

WRITE A NOTE

YOU CAN ADVOCATE by sending a formal letter or a less-formal email.

KEEP IT RELATIVELY SHORT (one page), outline your story, make your request.

BE SURE TO USE THE CORRECT SALUTATION (Senator Turner, Congressman Timmons, Councilor Seman). "The Honorable" works for most officials.

SCHEDULE A MEETING

MEETING FACE-TO-FACE with elected officials or staff is the most effective way to advocate.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT - don't just show up!

BRING PEOPLE with you. Coalitions do better than individuals.

ATTEND OUR LEGISLATIVE EVENTS for a less-formal meeting.

ENGAGE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

WHILE NOT AS PERSONAL or effective as other methods of engagement, social media can be used to advocate.

TWITTER IS THE MOST USED platform among Congressional and Statehouse officials.

ALWAYS IDENTIFY YOURSELF as a constituent.

HOW To Engage

No matter how you choose to communicate with your elected official, you want to be effective with your limited time.

DO YOUR RESEARCH

DO YOUR HOMEWORK on the legislator you're meeting with and be familiar with his or her position and voting record on your issue.

PLAN YOUR RESPONSES about favorable or unfavorable reactions.

IF POSSIBLE, HAVE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS and data for your position (but you don't need to be an expert - you are the constituent).

BE READY TO ANSWER any arguments from the opposing side.

LISTEN CAREFULLY

ASK THE OFFICIAL FOR HIS OR HER POSITION and listen to them carefully.

BE PATIENT and don't interrupt.

STAY PASSIONATE but respectful.

MAKE A REQUEST

MAKE A SPECIFIC REQUEST. Include a bill or ordinance number if you can.

COMMUNICATE WHY you are asking the official to take a position and how that issue affects you as a constituent.

GIVE THE OFFICIAL REAL, CONCRETE EXAMPLES tailored to your community.

ASK DIRECTLY: "Can we count on your support?"

BE SURE TO FOLLOW-UP

THANK THEM for their service and for taking the time to engage with you.

IF A LEGISLATOR ASKED FOR MORE INFORMATION, get that information to them ASAP.

IF YOU MET WITH THEM IN PERSON, send a hand-written thank you note after the meeting.



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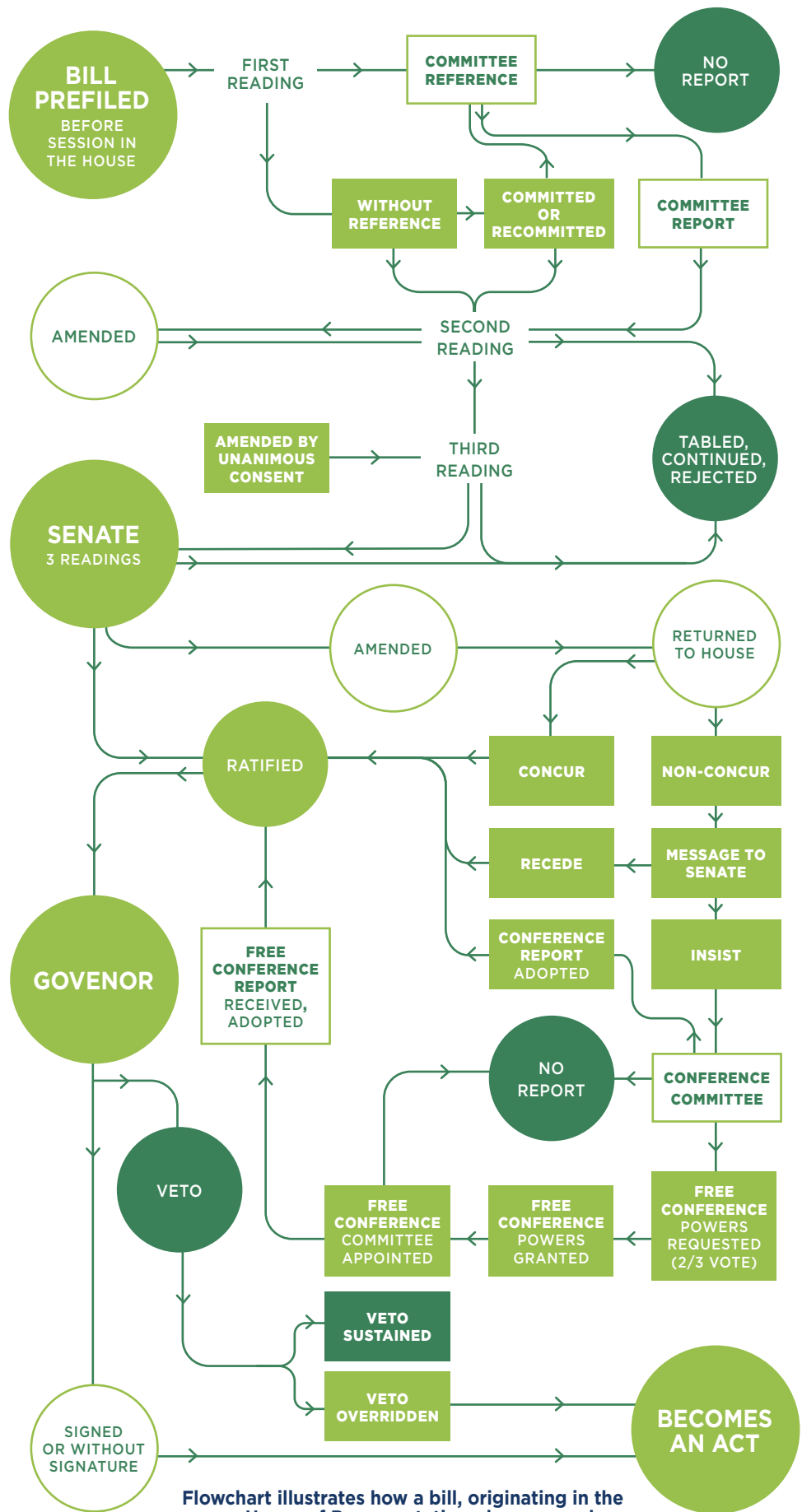
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HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

You can forget what you learned on *Schoolhouse Rock!* How a bill really becomes a law can be a complicated and difficult process to navigate.

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Flowchart illustrates how a bill, originating in the House of Representatives, becomes a law.



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