

Greenville Tea Party Scorecard 2013

INTRODUCTION

Do You Know How Your State Elected Republican Representatives Vote?

Are you aware of the new laws that your elected representatives may be working on to constrain you or your fellow South Carolinians?

If you are curious, please examine the following votes by your Republican legislators in 2013 to determine if they are working to improve your welfare or that of someone else.

Purpose of the Greenville Tea Party Scorecard

Virtually all of South Carolina Republican legislators while at home claim to be champions of the prudent spending of tax dollars. When you are listening to these often likeable and believable professionals they promise to remove government impediments to job creation, and they wail against punishing laws that stifle your personal freedoms. Not so in Columbia.

Tragically for South Carolina, many Republican legislators vote and work on behalf of their own personal interests while in Columbia.

The purpose of the Greenville Tea Party Scorecard is to verify if your Republican representatives are voting as promised at home and in accordance with the South Carolina Republican Party platform or are they voting against your interests and against the South Carolina Republican Party platform.

Therefore, the scored votes are not comprehensive, but concentrates on issues related to jobs, spending, and freedom. The purpose of the scorecard is to distinguish between true conservatives and fakes in the upstate.

The only power that can save us from our out-of-control legislators is in the voting booth. Constituents must identify the sources of their discomfort and vote them out of office.

The Greenville Tea Party, therefore, hereby presents to you your Republican legislator's 2013 voting scorecard for the counties of Greenville, Spartanburg, Anderson, Pickens, and Oconee.

Note: Certain language in the Descriptions of the Bills was taken from the SC Policy Council's "Best and Worst 2013 Report" and the Governor's letter on her appropriations vetoes.

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2013 UPSTATE REPUBLICAN SENATORS LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

Category-->		Spending & Taxes						Tax Favors		Education	Reform	Civil Liberties		Regulation		Health Care	% Good Votes (1)	GRADES			
		Bill/Veto Designation #'s -->	H3710 Sec 28	H3710 Sec 101	H3710 Veto 37	H3710 Veto 40	H3710 Veto 64	H3711	S578			S163	H3472	H3360	S308			S92	H3847	S438	H3101
Senate Vote # -->	County	District	S364	S427	S617	S620	S644	S580	S158	S236	NO VOTE	S572	S199	S104	S482	S146	S473				
Bright, Lee	Greenville & Spartanburg	12	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD		GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	100%	A	A
Bryant, Kevin	Anderson	3	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD		GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	NV	GOOD	GOOD	100%	A	A
Corbin, Thomas	Greenville & Spartanburg	5	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD		GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	100%	A	N/A
Martin, Shane	Greenville & Spartanburg	13	abstain	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	excused	GOOD		GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	100%	A	B
Verdin, Daniel	Greenville	9	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	excused	GOOD		BAD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	excused	GOOD	GOOD	67%	D	D
Fair, Mike	Greenville	6	GOOD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	BAD	GOOD		NV	excused	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	58%	F	F
Martin, Larry	Pickens	2	BAD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	BAD	BAD		BAD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	50%	F	F
Peeler, Harvey	Spartanburg	14	BAD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	BAD	BAD		BAD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	50%	F	D
Turner, Ross	Greenville	8	BAD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	BAD	BAD		BAD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	50%	F	N/A
Alexander, Thomas	Oconee & Pickens	1	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	BAD	BAD		BAD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	36%	F	F
O'Dell, William	Anderson	4	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	BAD	excused		BAD	NV	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	33%	F	F

Note (1): Base for computation does not include abstentions, excused absences, recusals or not voting (NV)

2013 UPSTATE REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATIVES LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

Category-->		Spending & Taxes						Tax Favors		E d u c a t i o n	R e f o r m	Civil Liberties		Regulation		H e a r i n g	% Good Votes (1)	GRADES		
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House Vote # -->	County	District	H272	H334	H777	H780	H805	H735	H427	H482	H101	H729	H689	NO VOTE	H455	H599	H566			
Chumley, Bill	Greenville & Spartanburg	35	BAD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	NV	GOOD		GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	85%	B	D
Bedingfield, Eric	Greenville	28	NV	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD		BAD	GOOD	GOOD	77%	C	D
Putnam, Joshua	Grnvl, Andrsn, Pckns	10	BAD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD		GOOD	GOOD	NV	77%	C	N/A
Hamilton, Daniel	Greenville	20	excused	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	BAD	NV	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD		GOOD	NV	GOOD	73%	C	D
Nanney, Wendy	Greenville	22	BAD	BAD	excused	excused	excused	excused	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD		GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	70%	C	B
Thayer, Anne	Anderson	9	excused	excused	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	excused	BAD	GOOD		GOOD	GOOD	NV	70%	C	D
Allison, Rita	Greenville & Spartanburg	36	BAD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD		GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	64%	D	D
Wood, Donna	Spartanburg	37	BAD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD		GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	64%	D	N/A
Stringer, Tommy	Greenville	18	excused	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	BAD	excused	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD		excused	GOOD	GOOD	64%	D	F
Brannon, Doug	Spartanburg	38	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD		GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	57%	F	F
Forrester, Mike	Spartanburg	34	BAD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD		GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	57%	F	D
Burns, Mike	Greenville	17	excused	excused	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	BAD	BAD	excused	BAD	GOOD		BAD	GOOD	GOOD	55%	F	N/A
Cole, Derham	Spartanburg	32	BAD	NV	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD		GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	54%	F	D
Henderson, Phyllis	Greenville	21	BAD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD		BAD	GOOD	GOOD	50%	F	F
Tallon, Eddie	Spartanburg	33	BAD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD		GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	50%	F	F
Willis, Mark	Greenville	16	BAD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD		GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	50%	F	F
Smith, Garry	Greenville	27	BAD	BAD	NV	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD		BAD	GOOD	GOOD	46%	F	C
Whitmire, William	Oconee	1	BAD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	BAD	NV	GOOD	BAD	GOOD		BAD	GOOD	GOOD	46%	F	D
Hiott, David	Pickens	4	BAD	NV	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	NV	GOOD		BAD	GOOD	GOOD	42%	F	F
Owens, Phillip	Pickens	5	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	NV	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD		GOOD	NV	GOOD	42%	F	F
Loftis, Dwight	Greenville	19	BAD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	excused	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD		BAD	GOOD	GOOD	38%	F	F
Bowen, Don	Anderson & Oconee	8	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	excused	GOOD	NV	GOOD		excused	GOOD	GOOD	36%	F	F
Bannister, Bruce	Greenville	24	BAD	NV	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD		BAD	GOOD	GOOD	33%	F	F
White, Brian	Anderson	6	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	excused	BAD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD		BAD	GOOD	GOOD	31%	F	F
Skelton, B.R.	Pickens	3	BAD	BAD	excused	excused	excused	BAD	BAD	BAD	excused	BAD	GOOD		BAD	GOOD	GOOD	30%	F	F
Gagnon, Craig	Anderson	11	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD		BAD	GOOD	GOOD	29%	F	N/A
Gambrell, Michael	Anderson	7	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD		BAD	GOOD	GOOD	29%	F	F
Sandifer, William	Oconee & Pickens	2	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD		BAD	GOOD	GOOD	29%	F	F

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Description of Bills

H.3710, Sec 2 **Arts Commission Funding-** Not the responsibility of the tax payers to support enjoyment of the arts. *Ratified*

H.3710, Sec 101 **Budget & Control Board Funding-** An unconstitutional, unaccountable, non-transparent hybrid "fourth branch" of government. *ratified*

H.3710, Veto 37 **Temporary proviso (a law that expires after one year)-**to transfer money to Women in Unity, a non-profit. Uses an inappropriate funding procedure for an inappropriate function of government. *sustained*

H.3710, Veto 40 **Earmark hodgepodge for DMH-**Medical professionals should decide treatment services, not politicians. *sustained*

H.3710, Veto 64 **Earmark evasion of appropriate budgeting procedures-** to provide lighting for a sports facility. *sustained*

H.3711 **Capitol Reserve Fund-**A slush fund often used for tax favors. Tax favors are tax decreases for a favored few, but result in tax increases for everyone else.

S.578 **More money for Boeing Company-** \$120 million in bonds. *ratified*

S.163 **Taxpayer funding for Hollywood-** increases tax rebates for a motion picture production company. *ratified*

H.3472 **Easier conversion of private school to public charter school.** *ratified*

H.3360 **Transportation Infrastructure Bank Funding-**Highly political government bank. Banking should be exclusively a private function. *ratified*

S.308 **Reduces restrictions on concealed weapons permit.** *returned to house with amendment*

S.92 **Protection against the National Defense Authorization Act-** Prohibits any state agency, officer, or employee from aiding the detention of any United States citizen without trial by the United States armed forces in violation of the Constitution of South Carolina. *passed Senate, to House Judiciary*

H.3847 **More regulations for manufacturers of electronic equipment -** *debate adjourned in House until Jan. 29, 2014*

S.438 **Prohibits any public building contracts or governmental incentives that are contingent on labor agreements.** *ratified*

H.3101 **Restricts the enforcement of Obamacare as unconstitutional.** *Passed House, special order in Senate*