

# **Greenville Tea Party Scorecard 2014**

## **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 2014 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 votes concentrate 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 2014 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 2014 Report" and the Governor's letter on her appropriations vetoes.

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## 2014 UPSTATE REPUBLICAN SENATORS LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

Category-->		Spending & Taxes				Tax Favors		Education			R e f o r m	Civil Liberties		S e c u r i t y	% Good Votes (1)	GRADES		
		Bill/Veto Designation #'s -->	H4701 Veto 65	H4701 Veto 55	H4701 Veto 32	S812	H3125	H3834	H3853	S516		H3893	S22			S308	H4791	H3021
Senate Vote # -->	County District	S1356	S1346	S1313	S715	S960	NO VOTE	S1253	S1282	S979	S693	S199	NO VOTE	S1203				
Bright, Lee	Greenville & Spartanburg 12	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD		GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD		GOOD	100%	A	A	A
Bryant, Kevin	Anderson 3	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD		GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD		GOOD	100%	A	A	A
Martin, Shane	Greenville & Spartanburg 13	E	E	E	E	GOOD		GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD		GOOD	100%	A	A	B
Corbin, Thomas	Greenville & Spartanburg 5	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD		GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD		GOOD	82%	B	A	N/A
Peeler, Harvey	Spartanburg 14	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	BAD		GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD		GOOD	64%	D	F	D
Turner, Ross	Greenville 8	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	BAD		GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD		GOOD	64%	D	F	N/A
Verdin, Daniel	Greenville 9	GOOD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD		GOOD	E	E	NV	GOOD		GOOD	50%	F	D	D
Martin, Larry	Pickens 2	GOOD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD		GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD		GOOD	45%	F	F	F
Fair, Mike	Greenville 6	GOOD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD		GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	E		GOOD	40%	F	F	F
Alexander, Thomas	Oconee & Pickens 1	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD		GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD		GOOD	36%	F	F	F
O'Dell, William	Anderson 4	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD		NV	BAD	NV	NV	NV		GOOD	14%	F	F	F

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

**2014 UPSTATE REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATIVES LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD**

Category-->		Spending & Taxes				Tax Favors			Education			Reform	Civil Liberties		Security	% Good Votes (1)	GRADES		
Bill/Veto Designation #'s -->		H4701 Veto 65	H4701 Veto 55	H4701 Veto 32	S812	H3125	H3834	H3853	S516	H3893	S22	S308	H4791	H3021	2014		2013	2012	
House Vote # -->	County	District	H1655	H1623	H1613	H1458	H655	H1311	H1559	H1551	H1428	H583	H854	H1336		H1518			
Nanney, Wendy	Greenville	22	GOOD	GOOD	NV	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	E	GOOD	E	E	100%	A	C	B
Bedingfield, Eric	Greenville	28	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	E	NV	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	91%	A	C	D
Allison, Rita	Greenville & Spartanburg	36	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	85%	B	D	D
Forrester, Mike	Spartanburg	34	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	85%	B	F	D
Smith, Garry	Greenville	27	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	85%	B	F	C
Chumley, Bill	Greenville & Spartanburg	35	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	NV	NV	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	NV	80%	B	B	D
Hamilton, Daniel	Greenville	20	GOOD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	E	E	GOOD	E	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	80%	B	C	D
Putnam, Joshua	Gmvl, Andrsn, Pckns	10	E	E	E	E	GOOD	GOOD	E	E	E	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	E	80%	N/A	C	N/A
Stringer, Tommy	Greenville	18	NV	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	NV	GOOD	BAD	E	GOOD	GOOD	80%	B	D	F
Thayer, Anne	Anderson	9	E	BAD	GOOD	NV	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	73%	C	C	D
Bowen, Don	Anderson	8	NV	NV	NV	NV	GOOD	NV	NV	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	71%	C	F	F
Tallon, Eddie	Spartanburg	33	BAD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	NV	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	67%	D	F	F
Gagnon, Craig	Anderson	11	E	BAD	GOOD	BAD	NV	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	64%	D	F	N/A
Willis, Mark	Greenville	16	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	E	E	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	64%	D	F	F
Cole, Derham	Spartanburg	32	BAD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	62%	D	F	D
Hiott, David	Pickens	4	GOOD	BAD	NV	GOOD	BAD	NV	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	E	60%	D	F	F
Whitmire, William	Oconee	1	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	NV	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	58%	F	F	D
Henderson, Phyllis	Greenville	21	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	NV	NV	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	55%	F	F	F
Hicks, Donna	Spartanburg	37	BAD	BAD	NV	BAD	NV	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	55%	F	D	N/A
Owens, Phillip	Pickens	5	NV	BAD	BAD	NV	BAD	NV	GOOD	NV	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	44%	F	F	F
Burns, Mike	Greenville	17	NV	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	42%	F	F	N/A
Loftis, Dwight	Greenville	19	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	NV	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	42%	F	F	F
Sandifer, William	Oconee & Pickens	2	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	NV	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	42%	F	F	F
Bannister, Bruce	Greenville	24	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	NV	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	E	GOOD	36%	F	F	F
White, Brian	Anderson	6	BAD	BAD	NV	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	NV	36%	F	F	F
Brannon, Doug	Spartanburg	38	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	NV	E	NV	NV	BAD	BAD	GOOD	E	GOOD	25%	F	F	F
Gambrell, Michael	Anderson	7	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	E	NV	BAD	GOOD	BAD	E	E	GOOD	22%	F	F	F
Skelton, B.R.	Pickens	3	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	BAD	NV	17%	F	F	F

# Greenville Tea Party Legislative Scorecard 2014

## Description of Bills

H.4701, Veto 65 - Temporary proviso (a law that expires after one year) – \$750K for Council on Competitiveness - Uses an inappropriate funding procedure for an inappropriate function of government. *Senate sustained, House overrode*

H.4701, Veto 55 – Temporary proviso - \$2 M for soccer teams and other youth sports organizations - *overridden*

H.4701, Veto 32 – Earmark (old-fashioned pork) - \$50K for SC Artisan Center - *overridden*

S.812 – Makes the Rural Infrastructure Authority, an unnecessary spending mechanism of the State, even less accountable to taxpayers - *ratified*

H.3125 – Microenterprise Development Act – lawmakers picking winners and losers among small businesses - *ratified*

H.3834 – Solar energy tax favors – *passed House, died in Senate*

H.3853 – Alternative Education Campus – facilitates formation of charter schools - *ratified*

S.516 – Read to Succeed Act – more taxpayer-funded surrogate-parenting in the form of reading coaches - *ratified*

H.3893 – Statewide Education Standards and Assessments – original intent was to replace the Federal Common Core requirements with SC Dept. of Ed. requirements. Final Bill failed to do so; but did reclaim some State powers over standards and assessments – *ratified*

S.22 – SC Restructuring Act of 2014 – original intent was to shift certain powers and functions from the Legislative branch to the Executive branch of government.....but the final Bill did the reverse ! - *ratified*

S.308 – Firearms – this is the “restaurant carry Bill”. Violent crime in SC decreased after passage - *ratified*

H.4791 – Electronic Data Privacy Protection – laudable attempt to protect citizen rights to security of their electronic information – *passed House, died in Senate Judiciary Committee*

H.3021 – Iran Divestment – puts pressure on Iran by restricting investment therein - *ratified*