



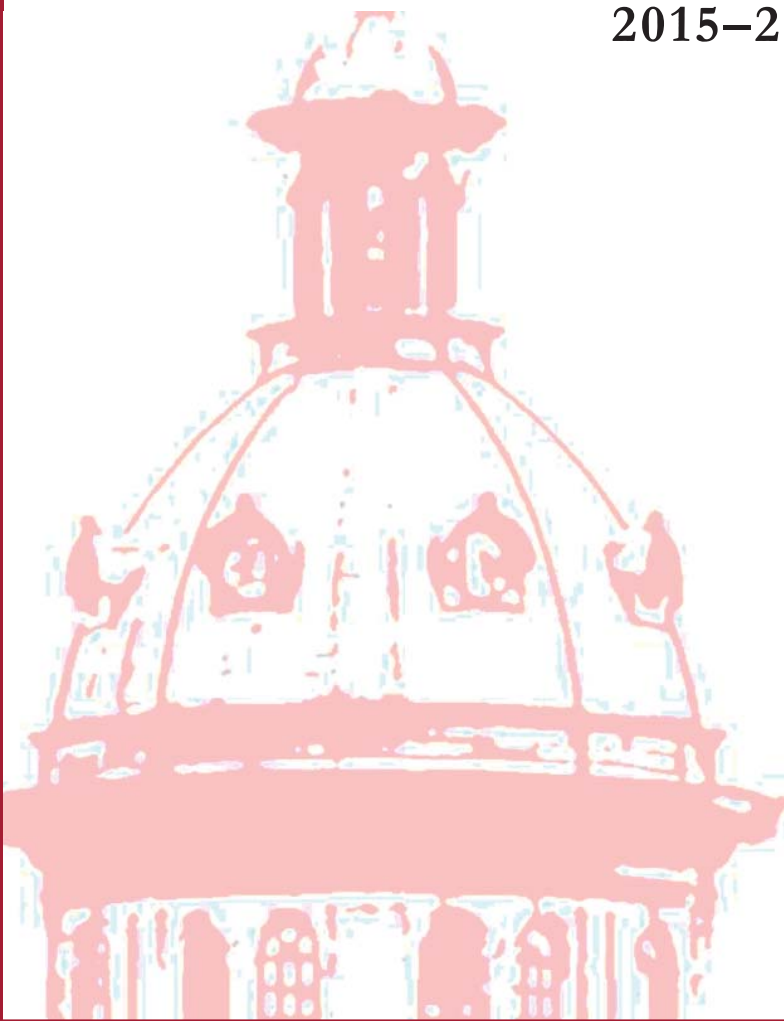
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I N T R O D U C T I O N

Welcome to Palmetto Family Alliance's **sixth** Legislative Scorecard. In this publication we have selected several key votes from the 121st General Assembly (**January 2015–June 2016**), and used those roll calls to score each legislator on family-related issues. By reading the descriptions of the issues and looking at your legislator's votes, you can determine if your legislator has been a leader for the family, or if he or she has made the work of defending family values more difficult.

Palmetto Family Alliance is a 501c(4) non-profit organization. We are the legislative action arm of Palmetto Family. We exist to promote, protect, and preserve family values, and to make South Carolina a great place to live and raise a family. As part of that mission, we monitor and educate the state legislature on issues relevant to family values. These issues range from state policy on education and taxes, to social issues like life and marriage.

As you will see on the pages that follow, the 121st session was **very successful for us. Several of the bills we liked were passed and every bill we rated detrimental to the family was defeated.**

If you would like more information on pro-family legislative action, please visit our Action Center at www.PalmettoAlliance.org or e-mail us at email@PalmettoAlliance.org and ask to be added to our e-mail list. We send periodic updates on legislative issues throughout the year, especially during the legislative session. This will keep you up-to-date on issues that affect your family.

Note: As you review this scorecard, please be aware that the Palmetto Family Alliance scorecard is among the strictest in the state because we do not give credit for unexcused absences.



LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

BILLS TRACKED IN 2015-2016

Legislation Description	PFA Position	
Human Trafficking Penalties (S.196)	For ★	[H]↑ [S]↑ [G]↑ [L]↑
Definition of Alcoholic Liquors [Powdered Alcohol Ban] (S.179)	For ★	[H]↑ [S]↑ [G]↑ [L]↑
Bible Instruction [Released Time Education] (S.72)	For	[S]↑
Telemed Abortion Ban Act (S.34) [Folded into S.1035]	For ★	[H]↑ [S]↑ [G]↑ [L]↑
Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (H.3114)	For ★	[H]↑ [S]↑ [G]↑ [L]↑
SC Public Invocations Act (S.233)	For ★	[H]↑ [S]↑ [G]↑ [L]↑
Increased Prostitution Penalties (S.986)	For	[S]↑
SC Founding Principles Act (H.3848)	For ★	[H]↑ [S]↑ [G]↑ [L]↑
Immunity from Liability for Providing Free Health Care Services (H.4999)	For ★	[H]↑ [S]↑ [G]↑ [L]↑
Experimental Health Care Treatment Law [Right to Try Act] (H.4542)	For ★	[H]↑ [S]↑ [G]↑ [L]↑
South Carolina Anti-Money Laundering Act (H.4554)	For ★	[H]↑ [S]↑ [G]↑ [L]↑
Winter Celebrations Act (H.3512)	For	[H]↑
Supporting and Strengthening Families Act [Safe Families] (H.4835)	For	[H]↑
Exceptional Needs School Choice Tax Credit Proviso	For ★	[H]↑ [S]↑ [G]↑ [L]↑
Budget Proviso on Planned Parenthood	For ★	[H]↑ [S]↑ [G]↑ [L]↑
Student Association Freedom of Religion Act (S.210)	For	[S]↓
Healthcare Sharing Ministries (S.314)	For	[S]↓
Cockfighting Penalties (S.157/S.158/H.3408)	For	[H]↓ [S]↓
School Choice (S.24/H.3339)	For	[H]↓ [S]↓
Dismemberment Abortion Ban (H.4634)	For	[H]↓
Unborn Infants Dignity Act (H.4759)	For	[H]↓
Equal Access to Interscholastic Activities Act [For Private Schools] (H.3073)	For	[H]↓
Freedom of Conscience Act (H.3150)	For	[H]↓
In God We Trust Posting (H.4395)	For	[H]↓
Liquor Sales in Walmart (H.3375)	Against ★	[H]↓
Employment Non-Discrimination Act (H.3950)	Against ★	[H]↓
Shorten Divorce Waiting Period (H.3111/H.3112)	Against ★	[H]↓
Medical Cannabis (S.672/H.4003/H.4004/H.4037/H.4550)	Against ★	[H]↓ [S]↓
South Carolina Fantasy Contests Act (S.1093)	Against ★	[S]↓
Comprehensive Health Education Act (S.574/H.3447)	Against ★	[H]↓ [S]↓
Release of a Child's Medical Records [Parental Rights] (S.250 as amended)	Neutral	[H]↑ [S]↑ [G]↑ [L]↑
Cervical Cancer Prevention Act [HPV Vaccine] (S.278/H.3204 as amended)	Neutral	[H]↑ [S]↑ [G]↑ [L]↑

[H] House [S] Senate [G] Governor [L] Law [↑] Passed [↓] Defeated or No Action ★ Victory for the Family

SENATE ROLL CALL VOTE ANALYSIS



VOTES IN 2015-2016

- 1. S.196 – Human Trafficking Penalties**
(Vote on 02/04/2015 – 2nd Reading)
Strengthens some of the weakest laws in the country on trafficking in human beings.
PFA Position: Aye **Vote:** 44 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Not Voting, 1 Excused Absence.
- 2. H.3114 – Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act**
(Vote on 05/19/2015 – Table the Committee Amendment)
Provides that an abortion may not be performed after twenty weeks gestation. (The point in a pregnancy when the unborn child has the ability to feel pain.) The vote was on a motion to table (kill) a weakening amendment adopted in committee.
PFA Position: Aye **Vote:** 24 Ayes, 19 Nays, 2 Not Voting
- 3. S.72 – Bible Instruction [Released Time Education]**
(Vote on 02/11/2016 – 2nd Reading)
Provides that Released Time credits awarded at an accredited private school may be transferable to SC school districts as elective credits.
PFA Position: Aye **Vote:** 40 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Not Voting, 3 Excused Absences.
- 4. S.1035 – SC Telemedicine Act [Telemed Abortion Ban Included]**
(Vote on 03/02/2016 – 2nd Reading)
Authorizes the practice of Telemedicine with certain restrictions.
PFA Position: Aye **Vote:** 37 Ayes, 0 Nays, 6 Not Voting, 2 Excused Absences.
- 5. H.3114 – Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act**
(Vote on 03/08/2016 – Adopt the Conference Report)
Provides that an abortion may not be performed after twenty weeks gestation. (The point in a pregnancy when the unborn child has the ability to feel pain.)
PFA Position: Aye **Vote:** 36 Ayes, 9 Nays
- 6. S.233 – SC Public Invocations Act**
(Vote on 04/05/2016 – 2nd Reading)
This broadens what may be included in prayers opening public meetings and clarifies that they are not to proselytize, coerce observers, or advance any one faith or belief.
PFA Position: Aye **Vote:** 39 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Not Voting, 3 Excused Absences
- 7. S.986 – Increased Prostitution Penalties**
(Vote on 04/26/2016 – 2nd Reading)
Increases the penalties for prostitution, running a place of prostitution or inducing others to participate in prostitution. Also increases the penalties in cases of human trafficking and when the prostitute has a mental disability.
PFA Position: Aye **Vote:** 44 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Excused Absence
- 8. H.3848 – SC Founding Principles Act**
(Vote on 05/11/2016 – 2nd Reading)
This bill specifies that certain minimum content regarding the founding principles of the United States be incorporated into the teaching of the US Constitution and social studies in SC public schools.
PFA Position: Aye **Vote:** 42 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Not Voting, 2 Excused Absences
- 9. H.4999 – Immunity from Liability for Providing Free Health Care Services [Volunteer Care]**
(Vote on 05/12/2016 – 2nd Reading)
Protects health care workers from malpractice liability when providing volunteer (free) care, and permits that care to count toward certain Continuing Education requirements.
PFA Position: Aye **Vote:** 41 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Not Voting, 1 Excused Absence

**PALMETTO FAMILY ALLIANCE
2015 - 2016 SC SENATE
FAMILY ISSUES ROLL CALL VOTES**

Name*	Dist	Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Final Score
Thomas C. Alexander	1	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Karl B. Allen	7	D	+	-	+	+	-	+	+		+	56%
Sean Bennett	38	R	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	78%
Lee Bright	12	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Kevin L. Bryant	3	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Paul G. Campbell	44	R	+	-		+	+	+	+	+	+	78%
George E. Campsen	43	R	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	100%
Ray Cleary	34	R	+	-		+	+	+	+	+	+	78%
Creighton B. Coleman	17	D	+		+		-	+	+	+		40%
Tom Corbin	5	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
John E. Courson	20	R	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	78%
Ronnie W. Cromer	18	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Thomas C. Davis	46	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Michael L. Fair	6	R	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
Mike Gambrell**	4	R										N/A
Chauncey Gregory	16	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Lawrence K. Grooms	37	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Robert W. Hayes	15	R		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Greg Hembree	28	R	+	+	+		+	+		+	+	91%
C. Bradley Hutto	40	D		-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	48%
Darrell Jackson	21	D	+		+		+		+	+	+	62%
Kevin Johnson	36	D	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	56%
Marlon E. Kimspon	42	D	+	-	+		-	+	+	+	+	56%
Hugh K. Leatherman	31	R	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	78%

Votes # 2 & 5 (Critical Life Protection Votes) are given twice the weight of all other votes.

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 Perfect Score

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** Elected May 24, 2016

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Joel Lourie	22	D	+	-	+		-	+	+	+		40%
Gerald Malloy	29	D	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Larry A. Martin	2	R	+	†	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Shane R. Martin	13	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Shane A. Massey	25	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
John W. Matthews	39	D	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+		48%
Marjorie Bright Matthews**	45	D			+	+	-		+		+	75%
J. Thomas McElveen	35	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Floyd Nicholson	10	D	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	56%
William Hamilton O'Dell***	4	R	+	+								100%
Harvey S. Peeler	14	R	+	-	+		+	+	+	+	+	70%
Clementa Carlos Pinckney****	45	D	+	-								33%
Luke A. Rankin	33	R	+	+	+		+		+		+	76%
Glenn G. Reese	11	D	+	-		+	+		+	+	+	69%
Ronnie Saab	32	D	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	78%
John L. Scott	19	D	+	-	+	+	+		+	+	+	70%
Nikki G. Setzler	26	D	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	78%
Katrina Shealy	23	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Vincent A. Sheheen	27	D	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	78%
Paul Thurmond	41	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		100%
Ross Turner	8	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Daniel B. Verdin	9	R	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	100%
Kent M. Williams	30	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Tom Young	24	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%

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** Elected October 20, 2015

*** Deceased January 7, 2016

**** Deceased June 17, 2015

† = per statement in Senate Journal



HOUSE ROLL CALL VOTE ANALYSIS 2015–2016

- 1. H.3114 – Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act**
(Vote on 02/11/2015 – Second Reading)
Provides that an abortion may not be performed after twenty weeks gestation. (The point in a pregnancy when the unborn child has the ability to feel pain.)
PFA Position: Yea **Vote:** 80 Yeas, 27 Nays, 10 Not Voting, 6 Excused Absences
- 2. S.196 – Human Trafficking Penalties**
(Vote on 03/26/2015 – Adopt Conference Report)
Strengthens some of the weakest laws in the country on trafficking in human beings.
PFA Position: Yea **Vote:** 101 Yeas, 0 Nays, 16 Not Voting, 6 Excused Absences
- 3. H.3512 – Winter Celebrations Act**
(Vote on 04/29/2015 – Second Reading)
This bill would enable a school district to educate students on traditional winter holidays and display certain symbols associated with these holidays provided that the symbols do not encourage adherence to a particular religious belief. The bill also protects the ability of students to wish each other “Merry Christmas.”
PFA Position: Yea **Vote:** 99 Yeas, 0 Nays, 22 Not Voting, 3 Excused Absences
- 4. S.179 – Definition of Alcoholic Liquors [Powdered Alcohol Ban]**
(Vote on 06/03/2015 – Second Reading)
Includes powdered and crystalline alcohols in the definition of alcoholic liquors and extends those restrictions to these substances.
PFA Position: Yea **Vote:** 99 Yeas, 2 Nays, 15 Not Voting, 7 Excused Absences
- 5. H.3114 – Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act**
(Vote on 03/16/2016 – Free Conference Powers)
Provides that an abortion may not be performed after twenty weeks gestation. (The point in a pregnancy when the unborn child has the ability to feel pain.) This was the second attempt at free conference powers (failed due to 2/3 requirement).
PFA Position: Yea **Vote:** 80 Yeas, 28 Nays, 12 Not Voting, 4 Excused Absences
- 6. H.4835 – Supporting and Strengthening Families Act [Safe Families]**
(Vote on 04/26/2016 – Second Reading)
This bill allows families to host the children of families in crisis without involving the Department of Social Services.
PFA Position: Yea **Vote:** 100 Yeas, 0 Nay, 17 Not Voting, 7 Excused Absences
- 7. H.4999 – Immunity from Liability for Providing Free Health Care Services [Volunteer Care]**
(Vote on 04/28/2016 – Second Reading)
Protects health care workers from malpractice liability when providing volunteer (free) care, and permits that care to count toward certain Continuing Education requirements.
PFA Position: Yea **Vote:** 95 Yeas, 0 Nays, 18 Not Voting, 10 Excused Absences
- 8. S.1035 – SC Telemedicine Act [Telemed Abortion Ban Included]**
(Vote on 05/04/2016 – Table Committee Amendment)
Authorizes the practice of Telemedicine with certain restrictions. This vote was on a motion to table (kill) an amendment removing the abortion ban.
PFA Position: Yea **Vote:** 81 Yeas, 26 Nays, 16 Not Voting.
- 9. H.3114 – Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act**
(Vote on 05/17/2016 – Free Conference Powers)
Provides that an abortion may not be performed after twenty weeks gestation. (The point in a pregnancy when the unborn child has the ability to feel pain.) This was the third and successful attempt at free conference powers.
PFA Position: Yea **Vote:** 86 Yeas, 27 Nays, 10 Not Voting.

HOUSE ROLL CALL VOTE ANALYSIS 2015-2016



10. H.3848 – SC Founding Principles Act

(Vote on 05/18/2016 – Concur in Senate Amendments)

This bill specifies that certain minimum content regarding the founding principles of the United States be incorporated into the teaching of the US Constitution and social studies in SC public schools.

PFA Position: Yea **Vote:** 112 Yeas, 0 Nays, 10 Not Voting.

11. S.233 – SC Public Invocations Act

(Vote on 05/31/2016 – Passage of Bill)

This broadens what may be included in prayers opening public meetings and clarifies that they are not to proselytize, coerce observers, or advance any one faith or belief.

PFA Position: Yea **Vote:** 107 Yeas, 0 Nays, 12 Not Voting, 3 Excused Absences

12. H.4554 – South Carolina Anti-Money Laundering Act

(Vote on 06/02/2016 – Amendments)

Provides regulation and oversight of the money transmission businesses most commonly used by criminals.

PFA Position: Yea **Vote:** 98 Yeas, 0 Nays, 21 Not Voting, 3 Excused Absences

PALMETTO FAMILY ALLIANCE 2015 - 2016 SC HOUSE FAMILY ISSUES ROLL CALL VOTES															
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Terry Alexander	59	D	-	+	+	+		+			-	+	+	+	44%
Merita A. Allison	36	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	94%
Carl L. Anderson	103	D	-	+	+		-		+	-	-	+	+	+	42%
Michael A. Anthony	42	D		+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	94%
Todd K. Atwater	87	R	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	100%
Jimmy C. Bales	80	D	-	+	+	+		+	+	+		+	+	+	56%
Nathan Ballentine	71	R	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Justin T. Bamberg	90	D	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+		44%
Bruce W. Bannister	24	R	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	88%
Eric M. Bedingfield	28	R	+		+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	100%

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Beth E. Bernstein	78	D	-	+		+	-	+		-	-	+	+	+	37%
Kenneth A. Bingham	89	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
William K. Bowers	120	D	+	+	+	+	-		+	-	+	+	+	+	73%
Jeffrey A. Bradley	123	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Norman D. Brannon	38	R		+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+		93%
Grady A. Brown	50	D	+	+	+		+	+		+	+	+	+		81%
Robert L. Brown	116	D	-	+	+	+	-		+	-	-	+		+	37%
James Mikell Burns	17	R	+	+		+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	93%
William M. Chumley	35	R	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+			+	86%
Gary E. Clary	3	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Alan D. Clemmons	107	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	94%
William Clyburn	82	D	-	+	+	+		+	+				+	+	44%
Gilda Cobb-Hunter	66	D	-	+		+	-	+		-	-			+	25%
J. Derham Cole, Jr.	32	R	+	+	+	+	+	+			+	+	+	+	88%
Neal A. Collins	5	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Christopher A. Corley	84	R	+	+		+	+				+	+	+		69%
Heather Ammons Crawford	68	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			+	93%
William E. Crosby	117	R	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94%
Joseph S. Daning	92	R	+	+		+		+		+	+	+	+	+	88%
F. Gregory Dellaney, Jr.	43	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Chandra E. Dillard	23	D	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	50%
MaryGail K. Douglas	41	D	+		+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	88%
Gregory D. Duckworth	104	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Shannon S. Erickson	124	R	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94%
Raye Felder	26	R	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		88%
Kirkman Finlay, III	75	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	94%

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P. Michael Forrester	34	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	94%
Russell W. Fry**	106	R					+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Laurie Slade Funderburk	52	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Craig A. Gagnon	11	R	+			+	+	+		+	+	+		+	84%
Mike Gambrell	7	R	+		+	+	+	+		+	+	+			100%
J. Wayne George	57	D	+	+	+			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	79%
Wendell G. Gilliard	111	D	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	50%
Stephen L. Goldfinch, Jr.	108	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			93%
Jerry N. Govan, Jr.	95	D			+	+		+	+	-		+	+	+	49%
Daniel P. Hamilton	20	R	+			+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	92%
Kevin Hardee	105	R					+		+	+	+	+	+		57%
Nelson L. Hardwick	106	R	+	+	+										100%
Christopher R. Hart	73	D		+			-		+	-	-	+	+	+	31%
Jackie E. Hayes	55	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		94%
Phyllis J. Henderson	21	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Patricia Moore Henegan	54	D	-	+	+		-	+	+	-	-	+	+		42%
William G. Herbkersman	118	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Donna C. Hicks	37	R	+	+		+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	88%
Jonathon D. Hill	8	R	+		+	-	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	81%
David R. Hiott	4	R	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	94%
William M. Hixon	83	R	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+		88%
Kenneth F. Hodges	121	D		+	+	+	-	+	+		-	+	+	+	50%
Jenny Anderson Horne	94	R			+		+			+	+	+	+	+	69%
Lonnie Hosey	91	D	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	50%
Leon Howard	76	D	-	+	+		-	+		-	-		+		25%
Chip Huggins	85	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%

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*** Resigned May 12, 2015

** Elected September 15, 2015

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Name*	Dist	Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Final Score
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	102	D	-	+	+		-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	44%
Jeffrey E. Johnson	58	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	94%
Wallace H. Jordan Jr.**	63	R			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Ralph Shealy Kennedy	39	R	+	+	+		+	+		+	+	+	+	+	93%
John Richard C. King	49	D	-	+			-		+	-	-		+	+	32%
Roger K. Kirby	61	D		+	+	+		+	+			+	+	+	50%
Patsy G. Knight	97	D		+	+	+		+	+	+		+		+	50%
Harry B. Limehouse	110	R	+	+			+		+		+		+		63%
Dwight A. Loftis	19	R	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94%
Deborah A. Long	45	R	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94%
Phillip D. Lowe	60	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		94%
James H. Lucas	65	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
David J. Mack III	109	D	-	+	+	+	-			-	-	+		+	35%
Peter M. McCoy Jr.	115	R	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94%
Joseph A. McEachern	77	D	-	+	+	+		+	+		+	+	+	+	64%
Cezar E. McKnight	101	D	-			+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	44%
Mia S. McLeod	79	D	-	+		+	-	+		-	-		+	+	31%
Walton J. McLeod	40	D	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	64%
James H. Merrill	99	R	+			+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	81%
Harold Mitchell Jr.	31	D	-	+	+	+		+	+	-	-	+			42%
Dennis C. Moss	29	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
V. Stephen Moss	30	R	+	+	+	+	+			+	+	+	+	+	100%
Christopher J. Murphy	98	R	+		+					+		+	+	+	57%
Wendy K. Nanney	22	R	+	+	+		+	+		+	+	+	+	+	100%
Joseph H. Neal	70	D	-		+		-	+	+			+	+		35%
Weston J. Newton	120	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		94%

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Name*	Dist	Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Final Score
Ralph W. Norman	48	R	+	+	+	+			+	+	+	+	+		73%
Mandy Powers Norrell	44	D	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+		79%
Russell L. Ott	93	D		+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	71%
J. Anne Parks	12	D	-		+		-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	37%
Michael A. Pitts	14	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Thomas E. Pope	47	R	+		+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Joshua Putnam	10	R	+	+	+		+	+		+	+	+	+	+	88%
Rick Quinn	69	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		94%
Robert Lee Ridgeway III	64	D	+			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88%
R. Shannon Riley	13	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Samuel Rivers, Jr.	15	R	+	+	+		+	+			+	+	+	+	81%
Leola C. Robinson-Simpson	25	D		+	+		-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	44%
James Todd Rutherford	74	D	-	+		-	-	+	+		-	+			25%
Michael Q. Ryhal	56	R		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
William E. Sandifer	2	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
J. Gary Simrill	46	R	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	94%
G. Murrell Smith Jr	67	R	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Garry R. Smith	27	R	+		+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	88%
James E. Smith	72	D				+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	42%
F. Michael Sottile	112	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Edward L. Southard**	100	R		+	+	+	+								78%
Lawrence Kit Spires	96	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Leonidas E. Stavrinakis	119	D	-	+	+	+	-	+	+			+	+	+	50%
Tommy Max Stringer	18	R	+	+	+		+			+	+	+	+	+	81%
Edward R. Tallon	33	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		94%
Bill Taylor	86	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		94%

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** Resigned April 27, 2016; Sylleste H. Davis was elected to fill his unexpired term on June 13, 2016.

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Anne Johnston Thayer	9	R		+	+	+		+		+	+	+	+		71%
Mary E. Tinkler	114	D	-	+	+		-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	49%
McLain R. Toole	88	R	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	94%
David Weeks	51	D	+	+	+	+		+	+	-	-	+	+	+	64%
Don L. Wells	81	R	+	+	+	+	+		+	+		+			67%
J. Seth Whipper	113	D	-	+			-	+	+	-			+	+	31%
W. Brian White	6	R		+	+	+	+	+			+	+	+	+	78%
William Ramsey Whitmire	1	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Robert Quintin Williams	62	D	-	+		+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	44%
Mark Nye Willis	16	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Richard L. Yow	53	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%

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Palmetto Family's Core Values

Faith We believe that we are born not of chance and time, but by the direct act of God. Religious liberty should be protected and vibrant churches should be encouraged.

Marriage We believe that our state's social fabric is ultimately only as strong as the bond between its husbands and wives. Children brought up in homes where parents enjoy a strong marriage are more likely to be successful in life.

Parenting We believe that mothers and fathers must build character in their children to see that their values live on. Parenting should be active, intentional, and nurturing.

Education We believe that learning is fundamental to success in life, and that all schools—public, private, and home—should be driven by the wishes and active involvement of parents.

Stewardship We believe that the earth and its fullness are a sacred trust. Natural, economic and family resources should be cherished as gifts of God.

Commerce We believe that private enterprise, not government, is the engine of economic progress. Free enterprise, entrepreneurship, and hard work should be taught and celebrated.

Culture We believe that just like clean air and clean water, families deserve a clean society that treasures life, truth, justice, and purity.

SC HOUSE VOTING TRENDS



2015 - 2016

NSme	Dist.	2005 2006	2007 2008	2009 2010	2011 2012	2013 2014	2015 2016	2005-16 Average
Terry Alexander (D)	59	NS	24%	29%	8%	8%	44%	23%
Rita Allison (R)	36	NS	NS	100%	77%	100%	94%	93%
Carl Anderson (D)	103	50%	14%	36%	23%	46%	42%	35%
Mike Anthony (D)	42	67%	49%	50%	54%	46%	94%	60%
Todd Atwater (R)	87	NS	NS	NS	100%	90%	100%	97%
Jimmy Bales (D)	80	83%	36%	50%	23%	46%	56%	49%
Nathan Ballentine (R)	71	83%	100%	93%	100%	100%	100%	96%
Justin Bamberg (D)	90	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	44%	44%
Bruce Bannister (R)	24	NS	100%	100%	92%	92%	88%	94%
Eric Bedingfield (R)	28	NS	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Beth Bernstein (R)	78	NS	NS	NS	NS	38%	37%	38%
Kenny Bingham (R)	89	100%	100%	93%	92%	100%	100%	98%
Bill Bowers (D)	120	60%	63%	50%	23%	50%	73%	53%
Jeff Bradley (R)	123	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	100%	100%
Doug Brannon (R)	38	NS	NS	NS	54%	30%	93%	59%
Grady Brown (D)	50	33%	49%	50%	23%	64%	81%	50%
Robert Brown (D)	116	17%	25%	43%	23%	31%	37%	29%
James Mikell Burns (R)	17	NS	NS	NS	NS	100%	93%	97%
Bill Chumley (R)	35	NS	NS	NS	100%	73%	86%	86%
Gary Clary (R)	3	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	100%	100%
Alan Clemmons (R)	107	83%	89%	85%	91%	92%	94%	89%
Bill Clyburn (D)	82	50%	49%	36%	23%	31%	44%	39%
Gilda Cobb-Hunter (D)	66	17%	0%	29%	15%	31%	25%	20%
Derham Cole (R)	32	NS	NS	100%	92%	83%	88%	91%
Neal Collins (R)	5	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	100%	100%
Christopher Corley (R)	84	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	69%	69%
Heather Crawford (R)	68	NS	NS	NS	NS	85%	93%	89%
Bill Crosby (R)	117	NS	NS	NS	92%	62%	94%	83%
Joseph Daning (R)	92	NS	NS	64%	85%	69%	88%	77%
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Greg Delleney (R)	43	100%	97%	100%	100%	85%	100%	97%
Chandra Dillard (D)	23	NS	NS	29%	27%	31%	50%	34%
MaryGail Douglas (D)	41	NS	NS	NS	NS	38%	88%	63%
Greg Duckworth (R)	104	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	100%	100%
Shannon Erickson (R)	124	NS	NS	100%	92%	92%	94%	95%
Raye Felder (R)	26	NS	NS	NS	NS	75%	88%	82%
Kirkman Finlay III (R)	75	NS	NS	NS	NS	64%	94%	79%
Mike Forrester (R)	34	NS	NS	100%	92%	92%	94%	95%
Russell Fry (R)	106	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	100%	100%
Laurie Funderburk (D)	52	83%	49%	43%	50%	62%	100%	65%
Craig Gagnon (R)	11	NS	NS	NS	NS	85%	84%	85%
Mike Gambrell (R)	7	NS	75%	57%	85%	43%	100%	72%
J. Wayne George (D)	57	NS	NS	NS	NS	38%	79%	59%
Wendell Gilliard (D)	111	NS	NS	50%	15%	23%	50%	35%
Stephen Goldfinch (R)	108	NS	NS	NS	NS	92%	93%	93%
Jerry Govan (D)	95	83%	49%	36%	38%	23%	49%	46%
Dan Hamilton (R)	20	100%	92%	71%	100%	92%	92%	91%
Kevin Hardee (R)	105	NS	NS	NS	NS	54%	57%	56%
Nelson Hardwick (R)	106	100%	87%	79%	92%	100%	100%	93%
Chris Hart (D)	73	NS	37%	23%	0%	8%	31%	20%
Jackie Hayes (D)	55	67%	62%	79%	31%	38%	94%	62%
Phyllis Henderson (R)	21	NS	NS	NS	92%	100%	100%	97%
Pat Henegan (D)	54	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	42%	42%
Bill Herbkersman (R)	118	83%	99%	64%	85%	69%	100%	83%
Donna Hicks (R)	37	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	88%	88%
Jonathon Hill (R)	8	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	81%	81%
David Hiott (R)	4	100%	86%	100%	85%	92%	94%	93%
Bill Hixon (R)	83	NS	NS	NS	100%	82%	88%	90%
Kenneth Hodges (D)	121	NS	25%	50%	25%	31%	50%	36%
Jenny Horne (R)	94	NS	NS	71%	75%	85%	69%	75%
Lonnie Hosey (D)	91	67%	49%	50%	15%	38%	50%	45%
Leon Howard (D)	76	0%	0%	29%	15%	15%	25%	14%

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Chip Huggins (R)	85	83%	100%	69%	91%	92%	100%	89%
Joseph Jefferson (D)	102	50%	50%	43%	23%	38%	44%	41%
Jeff Johnson (R)	58	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	94%	94%
Jay Jordan (R)	63	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	100%	100%
Ralph S. Kennedy (R)	39	NS	NS	NS	NS	100%	93%	97%
John King (D)	49	NS	NS	36%	25%	33%	32%	32%
Roger Kirby (D)	61	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	50%	50%
Patsy G. Knight (D)	97	NS	62%	36%	33%	25%	50%	41%
Harry Limehouse (R)	110	100%	88%	64%	85%	92%	63%	82%
Dwight Loftis (R)	19	100%	100%	89%	100%	100%	94%	97%
Deborah Long (R)	45	NS	NS	64%	92%	83%	94%	83%
Phillip Lowe (R)	60	NS	100%	86%	92%	77%	94%	90%
Jay Lucas (R)	65	100%	88%	100%	100%	92%	100%	97%
David Mack (D)	109	20%	0%	43%	0%	15%	35%	19%
Peter McCoy (R)	115	NS	NS	NS	64%	46%	94%	68%
Joe McEachern (D)	77	NS	NS	50%	31%	62%	64%	52%
Cezar McKnight (D)	101	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	44%	44%
Mia S. McLeod (D)	79	NS	NS	NS	NS	38%	31%	35%
Walton McLeod (D)	40	67%	62%	54%	38%	46%	64%	55%
James Merrill (R)	99	83%	87%	64%	77%	85%	81%	80%
Harold Mitchell (D)	31	50%	24%	43%	NS	8%	42%	33%
Dennis Moss (R)	29	NS	49%	93%	100%	77%	100%	84%
Steve Moss (R)	30	NS	NS	80%	62%	77%	100%	80%
Chris Murphy (R)	98	NS	NS	NS	92%	85%	57%	78%
Wendy Nanney (R)	22	NS	NS	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Joe Neal (D)	70	33%	24%	57%	8%	8%	35%	28%
Weston J. Newton (R)	120	NS	NS	NS	NS	77%	94%	86%
Ralph Norman (R)	48	NS	NS	50%	92%	85%	73%	75%
Mandy Powers Norrell (D)	44	NS	NS	NS	NS	62%	79%	71%
Russell L. Ott (D)	93	NS	NS	NS	NS	50%	71%	61%
J. Anne Parks (D)	12	67%	24%	31%	23%	31%	37%	36%
Michael Pitts (R)	14	83%	63%	79%	75%	92%	100%	82%

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Tommy Pope (R)	47	NS	NS	NS	92%	92%	93%	92%
Josh Putnam (R)	10	NS	NS	NS	89%	92%	88%	90%
Richard Quinn (R)	69	NS	NS	NS	69%	69%	94%	77%
Robert L. Ridgeway (D)	64	NS	NS	NS	NS	62%	88%	75%
R. Shannon Riley (R)	13	NS	NS	NS	NS	100%	100%	100%
Samuel Rivers, Jr. (R)	15	NS	NS	NS	NS	85%	81%	83%
Leola Robinson-Simpson (D)	25	NS	NS	NS	NS	38%	44%	41%
Todd Rutherford (D)	74	33%	12%	15%	8%	31%	25%	21%
Mike Ryhal	56	NS	NS	NS	NS	92%	100%	96%
Bill Sandifer (R)	2	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	100%	100%
Gary Simrill (R)	46	83%	90%	100%	92%	92%	94%	92%
Murrell Smith (R)	67	100%	89%	75%	100%	85%	100%	92%
Garry Smith (R)	27	100%	100%	100%	92%	92%	88%	95%
James Smith (D)	72	NS	NS	23%	23%	31%	42%	30%
Mike Sottile (R)	112	NS	NS	64%	92%	92%	100%	87%
Edward Southard (R)	100	NS	NS	NS	46%	62%	78%	62%
L. Kit Spires (R)	96	NS	74%	64%	92%	92%	100%	84%
Leon Stavrinakis (D)	119	NS	43%	45%	23%	31%	50%	38%
Tommy Stringer (R)	18	NS	NS	100%	92%	100%	81%	93%
Eddie Tallon (R)	33	NS	NS	NS	92%	85%	94%	90%
Bill Taylor (R)	86	NS	NS	NS	100%	100%	94%	98%
Anne Thayer (R)	9	NS	NS	NS	91%	89%	71%	84%
Mary Tinkler (D)	114	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	49%	49%
Mac Toole (R)	88	100%	93%	100%	83%	92%	94%	94%
J. David Weeks (D)	51	50%	49%	62%	31%	54%	64%	52%
Don L. Wells (R)	81	NS	NS	NS	NS	85%	67%	76%
Seth Whipper (D)	113	17%	2%	21%	15%	38%	31%	21%
Brian White (R)	6	83%	75%	50%	92%	92%	78%	78%
Bill Whitmire (R)	1	83%	74%	86%	92%	92%	100%	88%
Robert Q. Williams (D)	62	NS	NS	NS	NS	23%	44%	34%
Mark Willis (R)	16	NS	NS	86%	100%	92%	100%	95%
Richie Yow (R)	53	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	100%	100%

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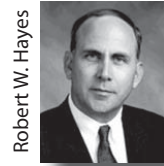
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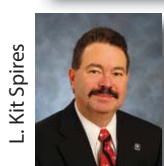
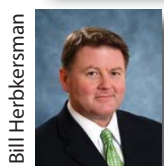


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Ronnie Cromer
Tom Davis
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Chauncey Gregory

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Robert Hayes
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Gerald Malloy
Larry Martin
Shane Martin
Shane Massey
Thomas McElveen
William O'Dell

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Vincent Sheheen
Paul Thurmond
Ross Turner
Danny Verdin
Kent Williams
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Kenny Bingham
Jeff Bradley
Doug Brannon
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Alan Clemmons
Neal Collins
Heather Crawford
Bill Crosby
Greg Delleney
Greg Duckworth
Shannon Erickson
Kirkman Finlay
Mike Forrester

Russell Fry
Laurie Funderburk
Mike Gambrell
Stephen Goldfinch
Dan Hamilton
Nelson Hardwick
Coach Hayes
Phyllis Henderson
Bill Herbkersman
David Hiott
Chip Huggins
Jeff Johnson
Jay Jordan
Ralph Kennedy
Dwight Loftis
Deborah Long
Phillip Lowe
Jay Lucas
Peter McCoy

Dennis Moss
Steve Moss
Wendy Nanney
Weston Newton
Michael Pitts
Tommy Pope
Rick Quinn
Shannon Riley
Mike Ryhal
Bill Sandifer
Gary Simrill
Murrell Smith
Mike Sottile
Kit Spires
Eddie Tallon
Bill Taylor
Mac Toole
Bill Whitmire
Mark Willis



ABOUT PALMETTO FAMILY ALLIANCE

Palmetto Family Alliance is the action arm of Palmetto Family. The Alliance engages in grassroots advocacy and mobilizes its grassroots network to stimulate change in the South Carolina legislature. PFA promotes civil, charitable, and safe communities in South Carolina based on Judeo-Christian principles.

Palmetto Family Alliance is a non-profit charitable organization [501(c)(4)] funded by gifts from individuals, corporations, and foundations.



ABOUT PALMETTO FAMILY

Palmetto Family is a non-profit educational foundation committed to strengthening South Carolina families. Primary issues of concern include life-long committed marriage, the relationship between parent and child, sexual responsibility in youth and adults, the definition of marriage, life issues, and public and private gaming expansion.

Palmetto Family works in the centers of influence (church, government, media, academia, and business) to present biblical principles through research, communication, and networking. Palmetto Family is a non-profit organization committed to promoting those things that strengthen the family and decreasing those that weaken the family.

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