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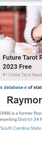

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Raymond Cleary

Raymond E. Cleary, III (b. August 13, 1948) is a former Republican member of the South Carolina State Senate, representing District 34 from 2004 to 2016.

Cleary did not seek re-election to the South Carolina State Senate in 2016.

Biography

Cleary earned his B.A. from Ohio State University in 1970. He went on to receive his D.D.S. from Ohio State University Dental School in 1973.

Cleary is the Founder/Chairman of Beach First National Bank. He has been a dentist for Dr. Raymond Cleary, D.D.S.,P.A., since 1975. He was a Captain in the United States Air Force from 1973 to 1975.

Committee assignments

2015 legislative session

At the beginning of the 2015 legislative session, Cleary served on the following committees:

South Carolina committee assignments, [show] **2015**

2013-2014

At the beginning of the 2013 legislative session, Cleary served on the following committees:

South Carolina committee assignments, [show] **2013**

2011-2012

In the 2011-2012 legislative session, Cleary served on the following committees:

South Carolina committee assignments, [show] **2011**

2009-2010

In the 2009-2010 legislative session, Cleary served on the following committees:

South Carolina committee assignments, [show] **2009**

Sponsored legislation

The following table lists bills sponsored by this legislator. Bills are monitored by BillTrack50# and sorted by action history. The following list may not be comprehensive. To see all bills sponsored by this person, click on the legislator's name in the title of the table.

Bills Sponsored By: Ray Cleary

SC S1122 - Local option tourism fee
Allow An Income Tax Credit To A Taxpayer Who Purchases Or Constructs And Installs And Places In Service 3% This State Eligible Property That Is Used For Distribution, Dispensing, Or Storing Alternative Fuel At A New Or Existing Fuel Distribution...
09/17/2016 - Act No. 269

SC S0984 - Elementary school food service meals
Provide School Health Improvement Fiscal Most Report Compliance With The Requirements Of Section 59-10-310
06/16/2016 - Act No. 258

Elections

2016

See also: South Carolina State Senate elections, 2016

Elections for the South Carolina State Senate took place in 2016. The primary election took place on June 14, 2016, and the general election was held on November 8, 2016. The primary runoff election was held on June 28, 2016. The candidate filing deadline was March 30, 2016. Incumbent Raymond Cleary (R) did not seek re-election.

Stephen Goldfinch Jr. ran unopposed in the South Carolina State Senate District 34 general election.[1][2]

South Carolina State Senate, District 34 General Election, 2016			Vote
Party	Candidate	Vote %	Votes
Republican	✔ Stephen Goldfinch, Jr. (unopposed)	100.00%	45,945
	Total Votes		**45,945**

Source: South Carolina State Election Commission#

Stephen Goldfinch Jr. defeated Renee Bond in the South Carolina State Senate District 34 Republican primary runoff.[3]

South Carolina State Senate, District 34 Republican Primary Runoff, 2016			Votes
Party	Candidate	Vote %	Votes
Republican	✔ Stephen Goldfinch, Jr.	52.47%	1,778
Republican	Renee Bond	47.53%	1,535
	Total Votes		**3,313**

Source: South Carolina State Election Commission#

Renee Bond and Stephen Goldfinch Jr. defeated Joe Ford and Dick Willingham in the South Carolina State Senate District 34 Republican primary.[4][5]

South Carolina State Senate, District 34 Republican Primary, 2016			Votes
Party	Candidate	Vote %	Votes
Republican	✔ Renee Bond	40.84%	2,006
Republican	✔ Stephen Goldfinch, Jr.	32.66%	1,604
Republican	Joe Ford	16.24%	797
Republican	Dick Willingham	10.26%	504
	Total Votes		**7,346**

Source: South Carolina State Election Commission#

2012

See also: South Carolina State Senate elections, 2012

Cleary ran unopposed in the June 12 Republican primary. The general election took place on November 6, 2012, and Cleary ran unopposed.[6][7][8][9]

South Carolina State Senate, District 34, General Election, 2012			[Collapse]
PARTY	CANDIDATE	VOTE %	VOTES
Republican	✔ Raymond Cleary Incumbent	99.1%	38,928
Other	Write-Ins	0.9%	338
Total Votes			**39,266**

2008

See also: South Carolina State Senate elections, 2008

Cleary won re-election for District 34 of the South Carolina State Senate with 39,527 votes, ahead of write-ins (254).[10]

He raised $199,092 for his campaign.[11]

South Carolina State Senate, District 34	
✔ Raymond Cleary (R)	39,527
Write-ins	254

Campaign donors

The finance data shown here comes from the disclosures required of candidates and parties. Depending on the election or state, this may not represent all the funds spent on their behalf. Satellite spending groups may or may not have expended funds related to the candidate or politician on whose page you are reading this disclaimer and campaign finance data from elections may be incomplete. For elections to federal offices, complete data can be found at the FEC website#. Click here for more on campaign finance law and here for more on state campaign finance law.

Raymond Cleary campaign contribution history	[hide]	
Year	Office	Round	Contributions
2012	South Carolina State Senate District 34	✔	$135,609
2010	South Carolina State Senate District 34	—	$36,063
2008	South Carolina State Senate District 34	✔	$199,092
2006	South Carolina State Senate District 34	—	$34,092
2004	South Carolina State Senate District 34	✔	$13,389
Grand total raised			**$418,245**

Source: FTP Follow the Money

2012

Cleary won re-election to the South Carolina State Senate in 2012. During that election cycle, Cleary raised a total of **$135,609**.

South Carolina State Senate 2012 election - campaign contributions [show]

2010

Cleary was not up for election to the South Carolina State Senate in 2010. During that election cycle, Cleary raised a total of **$36,063**.

South Carolina State Senate 2010 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

2008

Cleary won re-election to the South Carolina State Senate in 2008. During that election cycle, Cleary raised a total of **$199,092**.

South Carolina State Senate 2008 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

2006

Cleary was not up for election to the South Carolina State Senate in 2006. During that election cycle, Cleary raised a total of **$34,092**.

South Carolina State Senate 2006 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

2004

Cleary won election to the South Carolina State Senate in 2004. During that election cycle, Cleary raised a total of **$13,389**.

South Carolina State Senate 2004 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

Scorecards

See also: State legislative scorecards and State legislative scorecards in South Carolina

A scorecard evaluates a legislator's voting record. Its purpose is to inform voters about the legislator's political positions. Because scorecards have varying purposes and methodologies, each report should be considered on its own merits. For example, an advocacy group's scorecard may assess a legislator's voting record on one issue while a state newspaper's scorecard may evaluate the voting record in its entirety.

Ballotpedia's is the process of developing an encyclopedic list of published scorecards. Some states have a limited number of available scorecards or scorecards produced only by select groups. It is Ballotpedia's goal to incorporate all available scorecards regardless of ideology or number.

Click here for an overview of legislative scorecards in all 50 states. To contribute to the list of South Carolina scorecards, email suggestions to editor@ballotpedia.org.

2016

In 2016, the South Carolina State Legislature was in session from January 12 through June 2.

- Conservation Voters of South Carolina: 2015-2016 scorecard

Legislators are scored on their votes on bills related to environmental and conservation issues.

- South Carolina Chamber of Commerce#: 2016 legislative scorecard & year in review

Legislators are scored on business issues.

- South Carolina Club for Growth: House and Senate: 2015-16 scorecard

Legislators are scored on their votes on bills supported or opposed by the organization.

- The American Conservative Union#

Legislators are scored on their votes on conservative issues.

2015

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The Palmetto Liberty PAC Scorecard

See also: Palmetto Liberty Political Action Committee's Legislative Scorecard (2012)

The Palmetto Liberty Political Action Committee, a conservative, pro-limited government think tank in South Carolina, releases its **scorecard** for South Carolina representatives and senators once a year. The scorecard gives each legislator a score based on how he or she voted in the two year legislative term prior to the election on specific issues that the Palmetto Liberty PAC thinks are anti-limited government. "Most of the votes shown on the score card are votes that we lost. Now we can identify the Legislators that caused us to lose these votes. These Legislators are the ones who need to be replaced if we are to achieve the vision of having the most free state in the nation."[12]

2012

Raymond Cleary received a score of 24% in the 2012 score card, ranking 36th out of all 46 South Carolina Senate members.[13] His score was followed by Senators Ronnie W. Cromer (24%), Larry Martin (24%), and Thomas Alexander (18%).[14]

Personal

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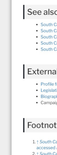
Cleary and his wife, A. Lisa, have six children.



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Preceded by	Succeeded by
Arthur Ravenel, Jr. (R) 2004-2016	**Stephen Goldfinch Jr. (R)**

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