

New Members of the 113th Tennessee General Assembly

State Senate



Adam Lowe (R-Calhoun) Senate District 1

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Dr. Adam Lowe is a public policy faculty member at Liberty University and a talk radio host. He previously served as a Bradley County commissioner and worked at Cleveland State Community College, where he stewarded the Bradley Achieves scholarship program. His wife is the assistant principal at Polk County High School. Lowe received his bachelor's in psychology/human development from Lee University, his master's in public administration from the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, and his Ph.D. in education policy from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Lowe is filling the seat vacated by the outgoing Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Mike Bell.



Charlane Oliver (D-Nashville) Senate District 19

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Charlane Oliver co-founded the Equity Alliance, a nonprofit advocacy organization. Oliver previously worked as a congressional aide and communications strategist for U.S. Congressman Jim Cooper (D-TN). She was also tapped to lead Project Register, a bipartisan initiative by Congressman Cooper and former state senator Steve Dickerson, in which she recruited more than 200 companies to encourage their employees to register to vote online. Oliver earned a Bachelor of Science in Human and Organizational Development from Vanderbilt and later a Master of Public Administration from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Oliver is filling the seat vacated by retiring Sen. Brenda Gilmore.



Brent Taylor (R-Eads) Senate District 31

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Brent Taylor moved to Memphis to work as a funeral director after earning his mortuary science degree. Taylor and his family operate the largest family-owned funeral operation in the mid-south. Taylor served 12 years on the Memphis City Council and three years on the Shelby County Election Commission. He retired as the Shelby County Election Commission's Chairman to run for State Senate. In the general election,

Taylor defeated Democrat Ruby Powell-Dennis to fill Sen. Brian Kelsey's seat.

State House of Representatives



Robert Stevens (R-Smyrna) House District 13

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Robert Stevens owns and operates a law practice in Rutherford County. He defeated Democrat nominee Jeff Crum in the general election to represent the newly drawn House District 13. Stevens is active in Smyrna Rotary Club and formerly served as a member of the Rutherford County Commission and the Motlow College Foundation's Board of Trustees. He graduated from Lipscomb University and the

University of Memphis Law School.



Elaine Davis (R-Knoxville) House District 18

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Elaine Davis is the Vice Chair of the Knox County Republican Party. She formerly served as a Knox County Commissioner, chairing the Knox County Ethics committee. She has also served on the Knox County Beer Board and Intergovernmental Committee. Davis and her husband are both University of Tennessee, Knoxville graduates. Davis defeated Democrat Greg Kaplan to fill the seat vacated by Rep. Eddie Mannis.



Bryan Richey (R-Maryville) House District 20

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Bryan Richey is a U.S. Navy veteran and owns an independent insurance agency. During his service in the Navy, Richey worked aboard the USS Gettysburg and was part of a record-setting narcotics seizing operation. Richey defeated incumbent Rep. Bob Ramsey in the primary election and ran uncontested in the general election.



Kevin Raper (R-Cleveland) House District 24

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Kevin Raper is Bradley County Commissioner and former teacher and principal. He is a UT alum with a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Raper also has his master's of education from Tusculum College and an education specialist degree from Tennessee Tech University. Raper is replacing Rep. Mark Hall to represent House District 24, who vacated his seat in an unsuccessful

bid for State Senate.



Monty Fritts (R-Kingston) House District 32

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Monty Fritts is a U.S. Army veteran and a relator at his family business, Covenant Broker Real Estate LLC. He received his bachelor's in chemistry and master's in theological studies at Liberty University. Fritts is also a UT alum, having his MBA degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Before becoming a real estate agent, he spent most of his career in nuclear manufacturing, including a position in the U.S. Department of Energy. Fritts fills the seat vacated by retiring Rep. Kent Calfee.



William Slater (R-Gallatin) House District 35

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William Slater is a dean of adult studies at Welch College, where he teaches Contemporary Issues in Education Law, Special Education School Law, and Faith and Ethics in Education. He and his wife also own an educational materials publishing company. Slater is a past Chairman of the Republican Party of Sumner County and the Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce. He earned a bachelor's degree in education

from Hyles-Anderson College, a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of South Florida, and a law degree from Nashville School of Law. Slater is representing House District 35, a new district covering Summer and Trousdale counties.



Michael Hale (R-Smithville) House District 40

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Michael Hale owns and operates DeKalb Funeral Chapel and raises Simmental cattle at their family farm. Hale defeated incumbent Rep. Terri Lynn Weaver in the primary election and Democrat Tom Cook to represent House District 40. The district includes all of Cannon, DeKalb, Jackson, Smith Counties, and a portion of Wilson County.



Ed Butler (R-Livingston) House District 41

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Ed Butler is a US Navy veteran and small business owner. He and his family live in Livingston. Butler defeated longtime incumbent Rep. John Mark Windle, who ran as an independent. Butler will represent Anderson, Fentress, Morgan, Overton, and Roane counties.



Justin Jones (D-Nashville) House District 52

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Justin Jones is a community organizer and graduate student at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Jones received his bachelor's in political science from Fisk University. He has previously served on the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Healthcare Campaign and worked as the direct-action organizer. Jones is filling the seat vacated by Rep. Mike Stewart to represent part of Davidson County.

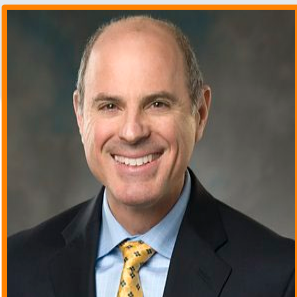


Caleb Hemmer (D-Nashville) House District 59

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Caleb Hemmer is an executive in Nashville's healthcare industry. He has previously served as an aide to Governor Phil Bredesen and worked for the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. For the past seven years he has served on the Metro Board of Fair Commissioners. Hemmer has a bachelor's in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Hemmer

defeated Republican Michelle Foreman in the general election to fill the seat vacated by Rep. Jason Potts.



Gino Bulso (R-Brentwood) House District 61

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Gino Bulso is a managing partner at his law firm, Bulso, PLC, and serves as Chairman of the Supreme Court of Tennessee's Advisory Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure. He received his bachelor's in philosophy from Cornell College and a law degree from Emory Law School. Bulso fills the seat vacated by Rep. Brandon Olges to represent parts of Williamson County.



Jake McCalmon (R-Franklin) House District 63

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Jake McCalmon is the owner of Bulldog Martial Arts, a martial arts studio in Franklin. Before that, he worked as an operations manager in the tech industry. McCalmon graduated from Brandman University with his bachelor's in business administration. McCalmon defeated Democrat Kisha Davis in the general election to succeed retiring Rep. Glen Casada.



Ronnie Glynn (D-Clarksville) House District 67

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Ronnie Glynn is a US army veteran and owns Jump Master Inflatables. His 23 years of military service included a tour with the 82nd Airborne Division and combat deployments between Afghanistan and Iraq. Glynn has a bachelor's in business administration from Trident University. Glynn defeated Republican Tommy Vallejos in the general election to fill the seat vacated by Rep. Jason Hodges.



Jody Barrett (R-Dickson) House District 69

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Jody Barrett is an attorney and a principal owner of the Dickson Title law firm. Barrett has experience representing Dickson County and the Dickson County School Board. Barrett attended Lincoln Memorial University on an athletics scholarship, where he earned his bachelor's in History. He also attended the University of Mississippi School of Law. Barrett is filling the seat vacated by Rep. Michael Curcio.



Kip Capley (R-Summertown) House District 71

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Kip Capley is a business consultant and political analyst. Over the past six years, he has worked on two presidential campaigns, a Senate campaign, and staffed a Congressional office. Capley received his bachelor's in history and political science from Middle Tennessee State University and MBA from Trevecca Nazarene University. He is filling the seat vacated by Rep. David Byrd.



Jeff Burkhardt (R-Clarksville) House District 75

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Jeff Burkhardt began his career with the City of Clarksville as a member of the Clarksville Fire Department, where he climbed through the ranks to eventually lead as the Assistant Fire Chief. He also served 12 years on the Clarksville City Council. Burkhardt graduated from Volunteer State Community College with an associate's degree in fire science. He was born and raised in Woodlawn, where he still owns his family farm.

Burkhart represents House District 75, which is a new district that covers the western part of Montgomery County.



Brock Martin (R-Huntingdon) House District 79

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Dr. Brock Martin owns his family business, Southern Chiropractic and Acupuncture. He received his bachelor's degree from Bethel University and Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Logan College of Chiropractic in St. Louis, Missouri. Martin is also a board trustee member for Bethel University, treasurer of the Huntingdon Industrial Board, and the current president of the Tennessee Chiropractic Association. He is filling the seat vacated by the outgoing Chair of the House Agriculture and Natural

Resources Committee, Rep. Curtin Halford.