

Oath of Office



S.C. CONST Art. VI, § 4

The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and all other officers of the State and its political subdivisions, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, shall take and subscribe the oath of office as prescribed in Section 5 of this article.

S.C. CONST Art. VI, § 5

Members of the General Assembly, and all officers, before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices, and all members of the bar, before they enter upon the practice of their profession, shall take and subscribe the following oath: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am duly qualified, according to the Constitution of this State, to exercise the duties of the office to which I have been elected, (or appointed), and that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties thereof, and preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of this State and of the United States. So help me God."

- Although you may be sworn in before, your term officially begins January 2. If January 2 falls on the observed holiday for New Year's Day, your term would begin the following business day.
- Cannot lawfully take office until you've filed a statement of economic interests, taken the oath provided in Article VI, Section 5 of the State Constitution, and have been commissioned by the Governor.
- Form must be filed with the Secretary of State's Office as soon as possible after being sworn in.
- Judges and notaries are authorized to administer the oath of office at the swearing-in ceremony.

OATH FOR COUNTY AND STATE OFFICERS

1. ***Immediately*** return this completed, notarized oath form to:

The Honorable Mark Hammond
Office of the Secretary of State
1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 525
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
Attn: Boards and Commissions Division

2. ***Print*** your name, the office to which you have been appointed/elected, and your mailing address plainly.
Please write clearly.

PRINT NAME: _____

APPOINTED/ELECTED: _____
(Name of Board, Commission or Position)

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TERM TO EXPIRE: _____

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF _____

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am duly qualified, according to the Constitution of this State, to exercise the duties of the office to which I have been elected, (or appointed), and that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties thereof, and preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of this State and of the United States. So help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
_____ day of _____ 20__

Signature of Appointed/Elected Official

Notary Public of South Carolina

My Commission Expires _____

*Please note that the document you are submitting is a public record, and the information contained therein is subject to public scrutiny or release.