

# Press Release

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## Legislative Audit Council Appoints New Director

On December 13, 2011, the Legislative Audit Council appointed Perry K. Simpson as the director of the council. Mr. Simpson will begin his appointment on December 14, 2011, and will replace George L. Schroeder, who was serving as interim director after the previous director, Thomas J. Bardin, Jr., passed away on August 27, 2011. In other business, Philip F. Laughridge, CPA, of Columbia was re-elected chairman of the council and Mallory Factor of Charleston was elected vice chairman.

Mr. Simpson has worked at the Legislative Audit Council for over 28 years, serving in various positions, and has been a part of the agency's management team for over 10 years. Most recently, Mr. Simpson served as audit manager for audits of the Employment Security Commission and the James E. Clyburn Transportation Center at S.C. State University. Mr. Simpson lives in Lexington and has a Master's degree in Mass Communication and a B.A. in English from the University of South Carolina.

The South Carolina Legislative Audit Council conducts independent, objective performance audits of state agencies and programs, as requested by the General Assembly and mandated by law. The purpose of this oversight role is to provide information which will assist the General Assembly and the public in determining whether state agencies are efficiently, effectively, and lawfully managing public resources, and whether agency programs are meeting their intended objectives.