

***Celebrating
40 Years
of Service***



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**What is
SCAC?**

The South Carolina Association of Counties was chartered on June 22, 1967, and is the only organization dedicated to statewide representation of county government in South Carolina. Membership in SCAC includes all 46 counties, which are represented by elected and appointed county officials who are dedicated to improving county government.

SCAC is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that operates with a full-time staff in its Columbia offices. It is governed by a 29-member Board of Directors composed of county officials from across South Carolina, selected by county officials at the Association's Annual Conference.

The Association strives to "Build Stronger Counties for Tomorrow" by working with member counties in the fields of research, information exchange, educational promotion and legislative reporting.

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**2007
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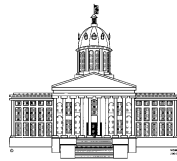
Revenue, Finance and Economic Development

SUPPORT — Clarification of the criteria for the **legal residence assessment ratio** and clearer penalty provisions for false applications.

SUPPORT — **Property tax restructuring legislative cleanup** in order to implement recent changes in the property tax system. SCAC supports a number of clarifications to the language adopted, including:

- Using the date of execution of a conveyance to determine an assessable transfer of interest in real property;
- Taxing new additions to the tax rolls only for the remainder of the year;
- Clarifying that if population of an entity shrinks, there is no reduction of the millage rate cap;
- Allowing recognition of additions to the tax base as frequently as monthly, instead of only semi-annually;
- Making valuation appeals effective in the following fiscal year if not made as a result of an assessment notice;
- Refining the use of the term “beneficial ownership” or using another, more accurate term.

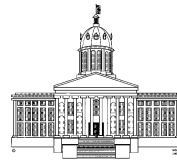
SCAC opposes a change in the base year for county governments with respect to the revised millage rate cap.



County Government and Intergovernmental Relations

SUPPORT — More aggressive **workers’ compensation reform and the elimination of the Second Injury Fund**. The cost of providing workers’ compensation is spiraling out of control. The SIF has outlived its usefulness, and the high costs of keeping it in business cannot be justified.

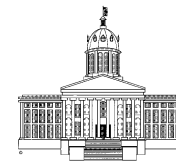
SUPPORT — Legislation to encourage state and federal action designed to curtail **illegal immigration** and to recognize the negative impact illegal immigration has on local resources.



Public Safety, Corrections and Judicial

SUPPORT — Legislation that would impose a penalty on the State Department of Corrections or would require them to reimburse a county for the costs incurred in **housing state prisoners who have not been accepted/picked up** by the Department within three business days after sentencing.

OPPOSE — Any attempt by the state to require counties to **keep state prisoners sentenced longer than 90 days**. The state needs to take the lead and support alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent offenders. Keeping state prisoners in county facilities is another example of an unfunded state mandate, using local resources to solve a state problem.



Land Use, Natural Resources and Transportation

SUPPORT — Community input when establishing and enforcing **local land use and zoning ordinances**. Oppose legislation that attempts to change the constitutional standard or establishes a new process which determines when **compensation is due a landowner** for the adoption or enforcement of a government regulation.

SUPPORT — Legislation that provides a legal and cost-effective mechanism for the removal and recycling of **dilapidated mobile homes**.

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