

## **R. Steven Landes, Virginia House of Delegates**

Delegate Steve Landes represents the 25th District in the Virginia House of Delegates, which now includes portions of Albemarle, Augusta, and Rockingham Counties. He is Chairman of the House Education Committee and Vice Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. He is a member of the Rules and Privileges and Elections Committees.

Delegate Landes sponsored legislation creating the Governor's Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund which establishes an economic development grant and loan program targeted specifically at agricultural and forestry operations. He sponsored a bill creating the Office of Inspector General to investigate complaints for fraud, waste, abuse, corruption, or mistreatment of citizens of Virginia by public officers and employees. Landes also sponsored legislation creating a Small Business Jobs Grant Fund administered by the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity for jobs created and established the Virginia International Trade Corporation in the executive branch of state government to promote international trade in the Commonwealth. To promote agriculture and assist rural areas in Virginia, he introduced legislation creating the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry as part of the Governor's Cabinet and legislation establishing the Center for Rural Virginia.

Steve also serves as a House Budget Conferee. He is a Member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates, representing the House of Delegates, and serves on the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Board, and the Major Employment and Investment (MEI) Projects Approval Commission. He also is a member of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, the Education Commission of the States, and serves as Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Future of Public Elementary and Secondary Education. In addition, he also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia.

From 1988 to 1992 he served as Legislative Assistant to his predecessor, former Delegate A.R. "Pete" Giesen, Jr., and from 1993 to 1995, he served as Congressman Bob Goodlatte's District Director and District Representative.

Steve is presently a Public Relations Consultant. Most recently he served as Vice President of Market Development for Blue Ridge Bank, and prior to that he served for six and a half years as Community Relations Coordinator for DuPont Community Credit Union. He also served as Executive Director of NewBiz Virginia, the Shenandoah Valley's small business incubator, for five years. Steve was a Life Insurance Agent and Registered Representative with Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company. Steve also worked at Davis & Davis Marketing, Inc. — a Staunton based marketing and advertising firm as a Media Buyer and then as an Account Executive.

Steve is a graduate of Buffalo Gap High School in Augusta County, and he received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. He and his wife Angela live in Weyers Cave, Virginia, with their son Roth. He is also a Past President and a Member of the Weyers Cave Ruritan Club. Steve, Angela, and Roth are Members of Mount Horeb Presbyterian Church; Steve and Angela also serve as Elders.