

THE SC PC CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO

RESTRUCTURING DONE RIGHT

What's wrong with the structure of South Carolina's government? All the power is held by five-member boards, like the State Financial Affairs Authority and Budget and Control Board. Major functions should belong to either the executive *or* legislative branch; these boards have members from both, making it difficult to hold any single elected official or legislative body accountable for major decisions.

The chart below outlines the current mixed system, which simply replaces some Budget and Control Board functions with the State Financial Affairs Authority. **But restructuring done right means a full separation of powers**, as we also outline:

	Procurement	Bonds	Retirement	Deficit Recognition
Current	SFAA	SFAA	Dept. of Administration and Transitional Committee	SFAA
Ideal Version	Dept. of Administration	Legislature	Dept. of Administration	Legislature

Mixed Accountability	Legislative Branch	Executive Branch
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- **Procurement** should be an executive, not legislative function: it's a conflict of interest for those who design projects to also choose contractors for them.
- **Bonds** should be issued by the legislature, since the state legislature ought to be accountable for *all* decisions that incur debt to the state.
- **Retirement** should be run by a single, accountable cabinet-level agency.
- **Deficit Recognition**, or responsibility for agency budgets and fiscal analysis of bills, should lie with the legislature and Legislative Audit Council.

Restructuring is complex: expect to see many attempts at reform throughout the legislative session (some better than others!). The Policy Council can keep you informed through [facebook](#) and our [website](#), and you can get involved yourself through membership activities in [The Patriots Club](#).

South Carolina citizens deserve the most balanced, accountable, and transparent system of government. Don't let your representative settle for anything less than **restructuring done right!**