

Jennings, Salahudeen vying for S.C. House 54 seat

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FLORENCE — S.C. House 54 incumbent Doug Jennings will face Bennettsville businessman Naim Floyd Quick Salahudeen in the June 10 Democratic primary.

District 54 includes sections of Chesterfield and Marlboro counties.

No Republicans have filed to run for the seat.

Jennings, 51, is a Bennettsville attorney who has served in the state House since 1991.

He is the chairman of the North Eastern Strategic Alliance's Interstate 73 Committee.

Jennings served as the chairman of the Marlboro County Elections Commission from 1986 until he joined the House. He also worked from 1982 to 1988 as assistant solicitor in the 4th Judicial Circuit, which includes Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon and Marlboro counties.

He has two children, Douglas Edmund and Martha Grace.

Jennings could not be reached for comment by press time Wednesday.

Salahudeen said he decided to run for the S.C. House 54 seat after several people encouraged him to do so.

He owns Salahudeen's, a Bennettsville variety shop, and works as a part-time farmer. He served in Vietnam and is a strong military advocate, according to a press release.

The candidate said he would fight the proposal to place a 900-acre landfill, which many county residents call a "megadump," near Wallace.

"Above all, we've really got to improve the quality of education in this county," Salahudeen said.

Salahudeen said that if he is elected, he will work with local city and county officials to improve education and spur economic development.

"I think basically what we need is a change, period," he said.