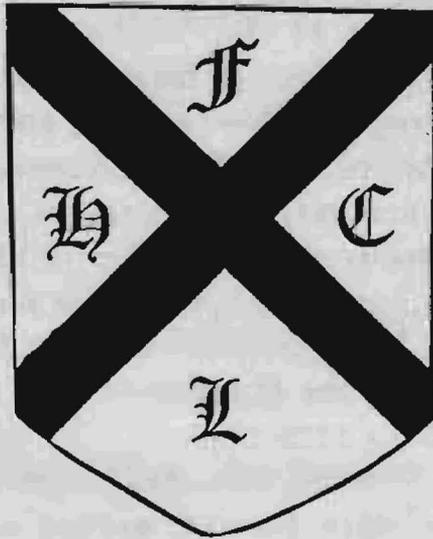


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Hon. Jim Bennett

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Secretary of State, Jim Bennett was initially appointed by then-Governor, Jim Folsom, to fill a vacancy in that office. He won a full term in his own right in the statewide election of 1994. He is the president of the National Association of Secretaries of State. He previously served as southern regional vice-president and as chairman of that organization's standing committee on elections and voter participation. Prior to his current elective position, he spent 15 years in the Alabama Legislature, both as a member of the House of Representative and the State Senate, representing the Homewood area of Jefferson County from 1978-1993.

Secretary Bennett worked as an award-winning state capitol reporter for *The Birmingham Post-Herald* in the 1960's. He received a B.S. degree from Jacksonville State University and a M.A. degree from the University of Alabama. He is a member of the Board of Trustees at Jacksonville State University and serves as chairman of its committee on athletics. He was the JSU Alumnus of the Year for 1994.