

BOB BABBAGE

1988 - 1992

As state Auditor, Bob Babbage made an impact through public integrity investigations, and school and property valuation administrator audits. When he left office at the end of 1991 all audits of county government were at current year status. This had been a major objective of the Babbage administration.

Under his administration, minority employment was increased significantly. Twice he was awarded the Governor's Affirmative Action Achiever's Award for his efforts in recruiting minorities.

Prior to being elected state Auditor, Bob was administrative assistant to the mayor of Lexington and administrative assistant to the governor of Kentucky.

Bob earned a B.A. from Eastern Kentucky University in 1973 in journalism and political science. He earned an M.S. from the Lexington Theological Seminary and an M.A. from the University of Kentucky Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce. He completed the Senior Executive Program at Harvard University in 1988.

He is married to Laura Babbage and they have three children. Laura is the chief executive officer of Urgent Treatment Centers in Lexington. The Babbages' were co-recipients of the Brotherhood/Sisterhood Award given by the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ), Bluegrass Chapter, in 1992. The award was given for their efforts in promoting equal employment opportunities.

Bob is the son of Robert Babbage, Sr., and Judith Babbage, of Lexington.

Bob was elected Kentucky's Secretary of State in November 1991. As Secretary of State, he promoted "Motor Voter" legislation and worked to limit voter fraud.

On November 14, 1994, Bob Babbage announced his candidacy for governor of Kentucky. His running mate for lieutenant governor was Tommy Thompson, an Owensboro homebuilder.

Bob's grandfather, Keen Johnson, was governor of Kentucky in 1939-43.