



ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
94<sup>TH</sup> SESSION  
2023 - 2024



## President Pro Tempore Sen. Bart Hester

Senator Bart Hester of Cave Springs represents Senate District 33, which includes the cities of Cave Springs, Highfill, and parts of Bentonville & Rogers in Benton County. Senator Hester was elected to the Senate in 2012 and took the oath of office on the first day of the 2013 session.

Senator Hester is serving as Senate President Pro Tempore of the 94th General Assembly, and a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, the State Agencies and Governmental Affairs Committee, the Senate Interim Committee on Children & Youth, the Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities, the Senate Efficiency Committee, the Arkansas Legislative Council, Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, and the Joint Budget Committee.

In 2021, Senator Hester co-sponsored legislation that requires public schools to teach about the Holocaust. Other bills amended eligibility for scholarships and change the process of getting a driver's permit. Senator Hester co-sponsored bills on public health directives and property rights.

A native of Green Forest, he is a 2001 graduate of the Sam Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas with a bachelor's degree in Business Management. While working on his degree in Fayetteville, he lettered for three years for the Razorbacks' varsity baseball team. His business interests are in real estate and construction.



## Speaker of the House Rep. Matthew J. Shepherd

Matthew J. Shepherd is the Speaker of the Arkansas House of Representatives and the Arkansas State Representative for District 97 serving his seventh term in the House.

Born & raised in El Dorado, Rep. Shepherd graduated from El Dorado High School in 1994. He went on to graduate Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. in History and Political Science from Ouachita Baptist University in 1998 & received his J.D. from the University of Arkansas School of Law in 2001. He is a member of the Union County, Arkansas, Louisiana, and American Bar Associations, and is licensed to practice in the state courts of Arkansas and Louisiana; the United States District Courts for the Western & Eastern Districts of Arkansas, & the Western District of Louisiana; and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Shepherd is the former two-term Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and is a member of the Joint Budget Committee, the House Public Transportation Committee, the House Agriculture, Forestry & Economic Development Committee, and the House Management Committee. Additionally, he serves as Chairman of the Arkansas Code Revision Commission.

Shepherd is active in his community & church, & has received a number of awards and recognitions for his legislative service. Shepherd lives & practices law in El Dorado at the law firm of Shepherd & Shepherd, P.A. He and his wife, Alie, have three children.

# • MESSAGE TO OUR CONSTITUENTS •

Public participation is a vital part of our democracy. You can actively participate in the legislative process in a variety of ways. We encourage you to begin by making contact with your state legislators.

This booklet was designed to provide you with contact information for your legislators & to answer frequently asked questions about the law making process.

We also invite Arkansans to watch their legislature at work either in person at the Capitol or on their mobile device.

The House and Senate live-stream and archive all committee meetings and floor proceedings.

You can find links to agendas, bills, & the live-stream of meetings at [www.arkleg.state.ar.us](http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us).



SENATOR BART HESTER  
President Pro Tempore, Arkansas Senate



REPRESENTATIVE MATTHEW J. SHEPHERD  
Speaker of the House,  
Arkansas House of Representatives





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# Constitutional Officers

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# Officers of the 94<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

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## Senate



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Lieutenant Governor



Bart Hester  
Senate President Pro Tempore

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Jim Dotson



Dan Sullivan



Clarke Tucker



Breanne Davis

## House



Matthew J. Shepherd  
Speaker of the House



Jon S. Eubanks  
Speaker Pro Tempore

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Fred Allen



Jack Ladyman



DeAnn Vaught

# ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Arkansas General Assembly is made up of two houses, the House of Representatives and the Senate. The House of Representatives has 100 members and the Senate has 35 members. All members of the General Assembly are elected by voters from their respective districts. The primary duties of the General Assembly are to make, amend, and pass laws.

## Senate

**35  
MEMBERS**

The Lieutenant Governor serves as President of the Senate.

In his/her absence, the Senate President Pro Tempore takes their place.



## House of Representatives

**100  
MEMBERS**

The House Speaker is elected by the House members at the beginning of each regular session.

The Arkansas General Assembly convenes on the second Monday in January of odd number years for regular session. Fiscal Sessions are held in even-numbered years. Fiscal Sessions begin the second Monday in February in years in which the preferential primary election is held in May or the second Wednesday in April in which the preferential primary is held in March. The Governor can issue a "call" for a special session any time in the interim. The Arkansas General Assembly meets at the Arkansas State Capitol in Little Rock.

## TO BE A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ONE MUST...

- Be at least 25 years old.
- Be a resident of Arkansas for at least 2 years.
- Be a resident of his/her district for at least 1 year.
- Serve a 4 year term.

- Be at least 21 years old.
- Be a resident of Arkansas for at least 2 years.
- Be a resident of his/her district for at least 1 year.
- Serve a 2 year term.





# WHO MAKES UP THE 94<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SENATE?

**35 MEMBERS**

**5  
WOMEN**

**30  
MEN**

EACH MEMBER REPRESENTS APPROX

**83,300  
ARKANSANS**

**29** REPUBLICANS

**6** DEMOCRATS



FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ON THE SENATE, VISIT THE  
ARKANSAS SENATE'S WEBSITE AT:

[WWW.SENATE.ARKANSAS.GOV/](http://WWW.SENATE.ARKANSAS.GOV/)

## IN ORDER TO RUN FOR A HOUSE SEAT, A PERSON MUST BE:

- A U.S. CITIZEN
- A RESIDENT OF ARKANSAS FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS
- A RESIDENT OF HIS/HER DISTRICT FOR AT LEAST 1 YEAR.
- AT LEAST 25 YEARS OLD

ARKANSAS' LEGISLATURE IS CONSIDERED A PART-TIME CITIZEN LEGISLATURE. MOST SENATE MEMBERS HAVE FULL-TIME CAREERS IN ADDITION TO THEIR LEGISLATIVE OBLIGATIONS. MEMBERS COME FROM A WIDE RANGE OF PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUNDS. HAVING A DIVERSE MEMBERSHIP HELPS THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MORE EFFECTIVELY SERVE THE PEOPLE OF ARKANSAS.

**5** are Farmers,



or have  
Agriculture  
backgrounds.

**2** Have banking experience  
One is still active  
& one is retired.



**7** in Real Estate  
Development,  
Construction  
& Property Management.



**2** Attorneys  
or former Attorneys.

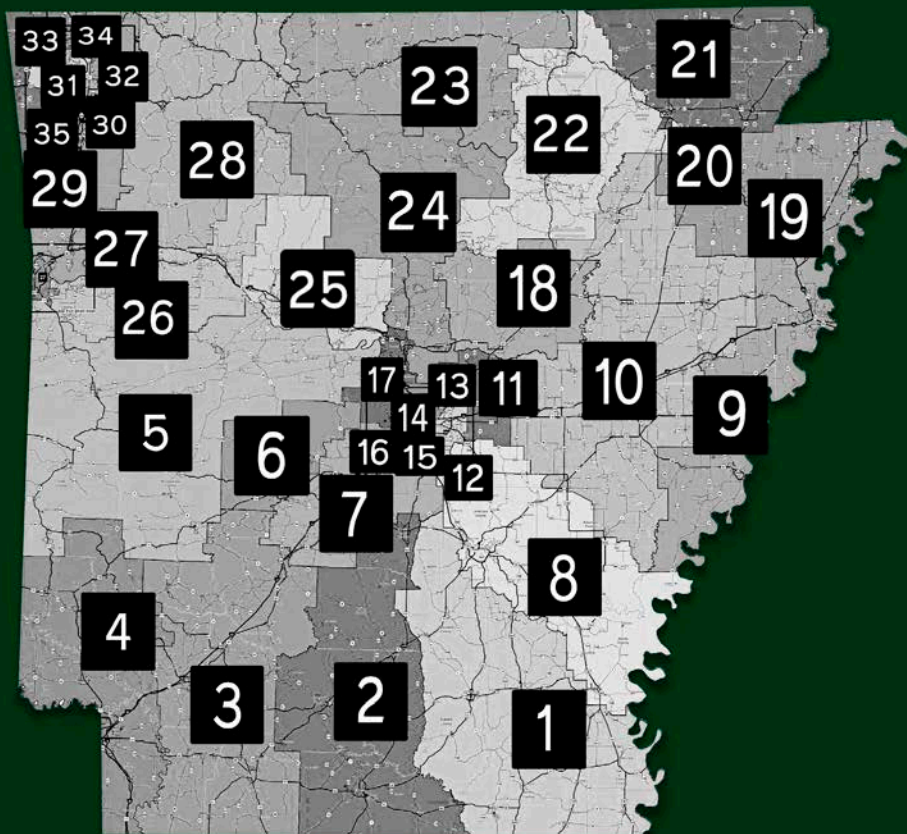


**2** Have been in the  
Timber business.



# SENATE DISTRICTS

## 94<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY



- |                        |                      |                       |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. BEN GILMORE         | 13. JANE ENGLISH     | 24. MISSY IRVIN       |
| 2. MATT STONE          | 14. CLARKE TUCKER    | 25. BREANNE DAVIS     |
| 3. STEVE CROWELL       | 15. FRED LOVE        | 26. GARY STUBBLEFIELD |
| 4. JIMMY HICKEY, JR.   | 16. KIM HAMMER       | 27. JUSTIN BOYD       |
| 5. TERRY RICE          | 17. MARK JOHNSON     | 28. BRYAN KING        |
| 6. MATT MCKEE          | 18. JONATHAN DISMANG | 29. JIM PETTY         |
| 7. ALAN CLARK          | 19. DAVID WALLACE    | 30. GREG LANDING      |
| 8. STEPHANIE FLOWERS   | 20. DAN SULLIVAN     | 31. CLINT PENZO       |
| 9. REGINALD MURDOCK    | 21. BLAKE JOHNSON    | 32. JOSHUA BRYANT     |
| 10. RONALD CALDWELL    | 22. JOHN PAYTON      | 33. BART HESTER       |
| 11. RICKY HILL         | 23. SCOTT FLIPPO     | 34. JIM DOTSON        |
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## Senate Standing Committees

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### Public Health, Welfare, and Labor

Missy Irvin, **Chair**  
Dan Sullivan, **Vice-Chair**  
Justin Boyd  
Scott Flippo  
Bryan King  
Fredrick J. Love  
Clint Penzo  
David Wallace



Jimmy  
Hickey Jr.,  
Chair

### Revenue and Tax

Jimmy Hickey Jr., **Chair**  
Jim Petty, **Vice-Chair**  
Ronald Caldwell  
Steve Crowell  
Tyler Dees  
Jonathan Dismang  
Blake Johnson  
John Payton



Jane English,  
Chair

### Education

Jane English, **Chair**  
Linda Chesterfield, **Vice-Chair**  
Joshua Bryant  
Breanne Davis  
Jim Dotson  
Kim Hammer  
Greg Leding  
Matt Stone



Gary  
Stubblefield,  
Chair

### Judiciary

Gary Stubblefield, **Chair**  
Stephanie Flowers, **Vice-Chair**  
Alan Clark  
Ben Gilmore  
Bart Hester  
Matt McKee  
Terry Rice  
Clark Tucker



Ronald  
Caldwell,  
Chair

### Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development

Ronald Caldwell, **Chair**  
Matt Stone, **Vice-Chair**  
Breanne Davis  
Tyler Dees  
Ben Gilmore  
Greg Leding  
Fredrick J. Love  
David Wallace



Ricky Hill,  
Chair

### Insurance and Commerce

Ricky Hill, **Chair**  
Reginald Murdock, **Vice-Chair**  
Justin Boyd  
Jonathan Dismang  
Jimmy Hickey Jr.  
Missy Irvin  
Mark Johnson  
Clint Penzo



Scott Flippo,  
Chair

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Terry Rice, **Vice-Chair**  
Joshua Bryant  
Kim Hammer  
Matt McKee  
Jim Petty  
Gary Stubblefield  
Dan Sullivan



Blake Johnson,  
Chair

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Clarke Tucker, **Vice-Chair**  
Steve Crowell  
Jim Dotson  
Stephanie Flowers  
Bart Hester  
Bryan King  
John Payton



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## Senate Standing Committees

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Mark Johnson,  
**Chair**

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Linda Chesterfield  
Alan Clark  
Jane English  
Ricky Hill  
Reginald Murdock  
Terry Rice



Bryan King,  
**Chair**

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Ben Gilmore  
Bart Hester  
Greg Leding  
Matt McKee  
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Dan Sullivan

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## Senate Select Committees

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Steve Crowell  
Jim Dotson  
Bart Hester  
Jimmy Hickey Jr.  
Missy Irvin  
Matt Stone  
Clarke Tucker



Clint Penzo,  
**Chair**

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Fredrick J. Love, **Vice-Chair**  
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Jonathan Dismang  
Scott Flippo  
Stephanie Flowers  
Ricky Hill  
Blake Johnson  
Gary Stubblefield  
David Wallace

# WHO MAKES UP THE 94<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES?

**100 MEMBERS**

**26  
WOMEN**

**74  
MEN**

EACH MEMBER REPRESENTS APPROX

**30,000  
ARKANSANS**



**26 FRESHMEN**



**10 SERVING 6<sup>TH</sup> TERM**

**6 SERVING 7<sup>TH</sup> TERM**

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- AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD

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**9 are Farmers,**

or have  
Agriculture  
backgrounds.



**10 Educators**  
or retired Educators.



**9 Attorneys**  
or former Attorneys.



**4 Health Care Professionals**  
includes doctors,  
dentist, nurses,  
& pharmacists.

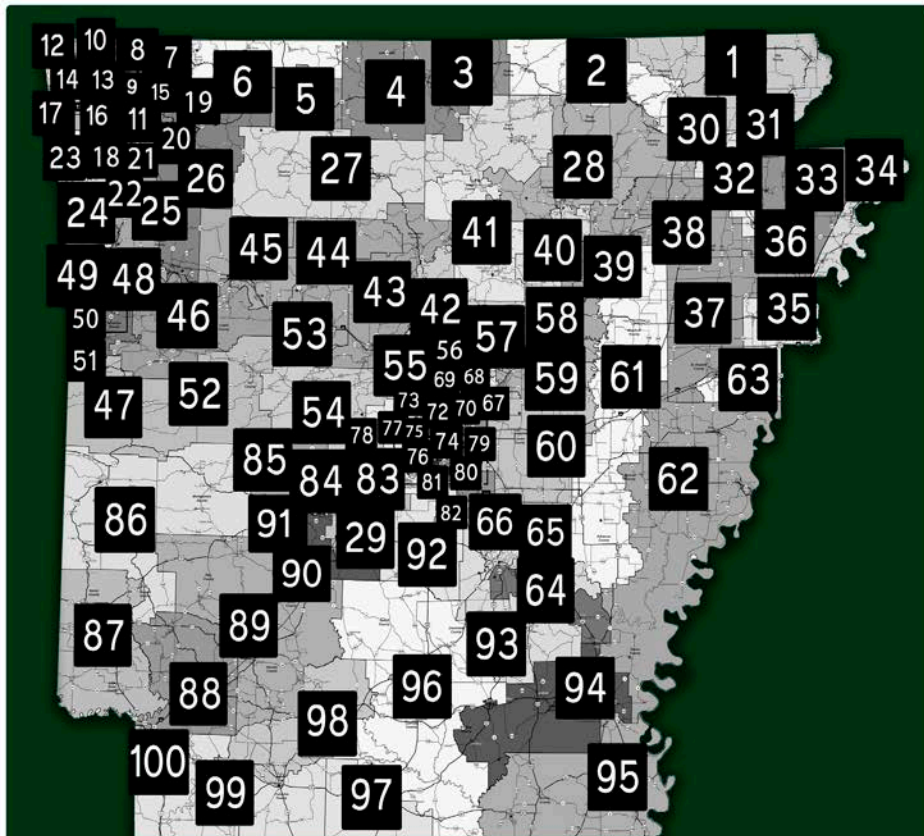


**8 Veterans.**



# House Districts

## 94<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY



1. JEREMY WOOLDRIDGE
2. TREY STEIMEL
3. STETSON PAINTER
4. JACK FORTNER
5. RON MCNAIR
6. HARLAN BREAUX
7. BRIT MCKENZIE
8. AUSTIN MCCOLLUM
9. DEANNA HODGES
10. MINDY MCALINDON
11. REBECCA BURKES
12. HOPE DUKE
13. R. SCOTT RICHARDSON
14. GRANT HODGES
15. JOHN CARR
16. KENDON UNDERWOOD
17. DELIA HAAK
18. ROBIN LUNDSTRUM
19. STEVEN UNGER
20. DENISE GARNER
21. NICOLE CLOWNEY
22. DAVID WHITAKER
23. KENDRA MOORE
24. CHARLENE FITE
25. CHAD PURYEAR

26. MARK H. BERRY
27. STEVEN WALKER
28. BART C. SCHULZ
29. RICK MCCLURE
30. FRANCES CAVENAUGH
31. JIMMY GAZAWAY
32. JACK LADYMAN
33. JON MILLIGAN
34. JOEY L. CARR
35. MILTON NICKS, JR.
36. JOHNNY RYE
37. STEVE HOLLOWELL
38. DWIGHT TOSH
39. WAYNE LONG
40. SHAD PEARCE
41. JOSH MILLER
42. STEPHEN MEEKS
43. RICK BECK
44. STAN BERRY
45. AARON PILKINGTON
46. JON S. EUBANKS
47. LEE JOHNSON
48. RYAN A. ROSE
49. JAY RICHARDSON
50. ZACHARY GRAMLICH

51. CINDY CRAWFORD
52. MARCUS E. RICHMOND
53. MATT DUFFIELD
54. MARY BENTLEY
55. MATTHEW BROWN
56. STEPHEN MAGIE
57. CAMERON COOPER
58. LES EAVES
59. JIM WOOTEN
60. ROGER D. LYNCH
61. JEREMIAH MOORE
62. MARK D. MCELROY
63. DEBORAH FERGUSON
64. KENNETH B. FERGUSON
65. VIVIAN FLOWERS
66. MARK PERRY
67. KARILYN BROWN
68. BRIAN S. EVANS
69. DAVID RAY
70. CARLTON WING
71. BRANDON C. ACHOR
72. JAMIE SCOTT
73. ANDREW COLLINS
74. TIPPIE MCCULLOUGH
75. ASHLEY HUDSON

76. JOY C. SPRINGER
77. FRED ALLEN
78. KEITH BROOKS
79. TARA SHEPHARD
80. DENISE ENNETT
81. RJ HAWK
82. TONY FURMAN
83. LANNY FITE
84. LES WARREN
85. RICHARD MCGREW
86. JOHN MADDOX
87. DEANN VAUGHT
88. DANNY WATSON
89. JUSTIN GONZALES
90. RICHARD WOMACK
91. BRUCE COZART
92. JULIE MAYBERRY
93. MIKE HOLOCOMB
94. JEFFREY WARDLAW
95. HOWARD M. BEATEY
96. SONIA EUBANKS BARKER
97. MATTHEW J. SHEPHERD
98. WADE ANDREWS
99. LANE JEAN
100. CAROL DALBY

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Mike Holcomb  
Lane Jean  
Stephen Magie  
Jeremiah Moore  
Milton Nicks, Jr.  
Dwight Tosh  
Jeff Wardlaw  
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Parliamentarian  
(Ex-officio, non-voting)



Carlton Wing,  
Chair

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Sonia Eubanks Barker  
Jay Richardson  
Matthew J. Shepherd  
Steven Walker



## Joint Budget Committee

### Senate



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Dismang,  
Co-Chair

Jonathan Dismang, **Co-Chair**  
Ricky Hill, **Vice-Chair**  
Justin Boyd  
Linda Chesterfield  
Breanne Davis  
Jane English  
Scott Flippo  
Stephanie Flowers  
Ben Gilmore  
Kim Hammer  
Bart Hester  
Jimmy Hickey, Jr.  
Missy Irvin  
Blake Johnson  
Mark Johnson  
Bryan King  
Greg Leding  
Reginald Murdock  
John Payton  
Clint Penzo  
Jim Petty  
Gary Stubblefield  
Dan Sullivan  
Clarke Tucker

### House



Lane Jean  
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Fran Cavanaugh, **Vice Chair**  
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## Arkansas Legislative Council

### Senate



Terry Rice,  
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Mark Johnson  
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### House



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Jack Ladyman  
Mindy McAlindon  
Ron McNair  
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## Joint Performance Review

### Senate



Kim  
Hammer,  
Co-Chair

Kim Hammer, **Co-Chair**  
Joshua Bryant, **Vice-Chair**  
Justin Boyd  
Jonathan Dismang  
Scott Flippo  
Reginald Murdock  
Jim Petty  
Terry Rice  
Dan Sullivan  
David Wallace

### House



Mark H.  
Berry,  
Co-Chair

Mark H. Berry, **Co-Chair**  
David Ray, **Vice-Chair**  
Brandon Achor  
Mary Bentley  
Rebecca Burkes  
Bruce Cozart  
Cindy Crawford  
Les D. Eaves  
Brian S. Evans  
Tony Furman  
Jimmy Gazaway  
Ashley Hudson  
Robin Lundstrum  
Kendra Moore  
Marcus E. Richmond  
Jamie Scott  
Tara Shephard  
Joy C. Springer  
Carlton Wing  
Jim Wooten

## Legislative Joint Auditing

### Senate



David  
Wallace,  
Co-Chair

David Wallace, **Co-Chair**  
John Payton, **Vice-Chair**  
Joshua Bryant  
Linda Chesterfield  
Alan Clark  
Steve Crowell  
Jim Dotson  
Jane English  
Scott Flippo  
Kim Hammer  
Missy Irvin  
Mark Johnson  
Clint Penzo  
Jim Petty  
Matt Stone  
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### House



Jimmy  
Gazaway,  
Co-Chair

Jimmy Gazaway, **Co-Chair**  
Richard Womack, **Vice-Chair**  
Sonia Eubanks Barker  
Harlan Breaux  
Karilyn Brown  
Cameron Cooper  
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Hope Duke  
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Tony Furman  
Justin Gonzales  
Grant Hodges  
Steve Hollowell  
Robin Lundstrum  
John Maddox  
Tippi McCullough  
Kendra Moore  
Milton Nicks, Jr.  
Johnny Rye  
Kendon Underwood

## Public Retirement & Social Security- Joint

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### Senate



John  
Payton,  
Co-Chair

John Payton, **Co-Chair**  
Greg Leding, **Vice-Chair**  
Linda Chesterfield  
Breanne Davis  
Kim Hammer  
Jimmy Hickey, Jr  
Mark Johnson  
Bryan King  
Reginald Murdock  
Clark Tucker

### House



Les  
Warren,  
Co-Chair

Les Warren, **Co-Chair**  
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Andrew Collins  
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John Maddox  
Tippi McCullough  
Richard McGrew  
Johnny Rye  
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## Advanced Communications & Information Technology

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### House



Stephen Meeks  
Co-Chair

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## Energy- Joint

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### Senate



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Gillmore,  
Co-Chair

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Matt McKee, **Vice-Chair**  
Ronald Caldwell  
Jane English  
Stephanie Flowers  
Ricky Hill  
Missy Irvin  
Blake Johnson  
Mark Johnson  
Gary Stubblefield

### House



Rick  
Beck,  
Co-Chair

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# Interim Activities



**EVERY PIECE OF LEGISLATION STARTS WITH AN IDEA**

Lorem Ipsum

The work of the General Assembly does not end with final adjournment.

The interim period between sessions allows legislators to devote their time to research major issues.

Committees may conduct public hearings and research at a much less hectic pace than while in session, and their recommendations are submitted to the entire General Assembly at the next session. It is during this time that the Legislative Council and Legislative Joint Auditing Committee conduct hearings.

## **Legislative Council**

**Performs legislative, fiscal oversight and budgeting.**

**Beginning in October of even-numbered years, the Council joins the Joint Budget Committee for budget hearings.**

## **Legislative Joint Auditing Committee**

Audits each department, institution, board, commission, office and agency of state government, as well as counties.

## **Joint Budget Committee**

**Reviews budgets for each state agency, institution, and department.**

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Finos “Buddy”  
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**ALL BILLS  
START AS IDEAS &  
ANYONE CAN HAVE  
AN IDEA!**

**ONLY A REPRESENTATIVE OR  
SENATOR CAN DRAFT A BILL  
AND GUIDE IT THROUGH  
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**THE SPONSOR EXPLAINS  
IT AND BRINGS IN EXPERT  
TESTIMONY TO SUPPORT IT**

**THOSE WHO OPPOSE THE  
BILL ALSO PRESENT THEIR  
CASE, OFTEN IN A PUBLIC HEARING.  
IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE  
COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE A BILL  
CAREFULLY AND MAKE ONE OF  
THREE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

**DO PASS  
AS  
AMENDED**

**DO  
NOT  
PASS**

**DO PASS**

**AFTER PASSING BOTH CHAMBERS THE  
BILL GOES TO THE GOVERNOR WHO CAN**

- 1. SIGN THE BILL**
- 2. VETO THE BILL**
- 3. WITHIN FIVE DAYS IT IS LAW  
WITHOUT HIS SIGNATURE**

**PASS  
AMENDED  
FAIL**



THE BILL IS DRAFTED AND GIVEN TO THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OR THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE AND ASSIGNED A NUMBER.

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...IT IS SIGNED BY THE SPONSOR(S) AND READ TWICE TO THE ENTIRE BODY OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE. IT IS ASSIGNED A COMMITTEE, AND THEN PRESENTED.

LEGISLATORS DISCUSS THE BILL AND EXPLAIN WHY THEY AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH IT.

IF A COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS CHANGES, AMENDMENTS MUST BE ADOPTED BEFORE THE BILL IS READY FOR A FINAL VOTE.

AMENDED

PASS

FAIL

ONCE PASSED BY ONE HOUSE, IT IS SENT TO THE OTHER CHAMBER, WHERE THE LAWMAKING PROCESS FOLLOWS A SIMILAR COURSE.

A BILL FROM THE SENATE GOES TO THE HOUSE.  
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IF THE BILL FAILS IN EITHER CHAMBER, IT CANNOT ADVANCE ANY FURTHER.

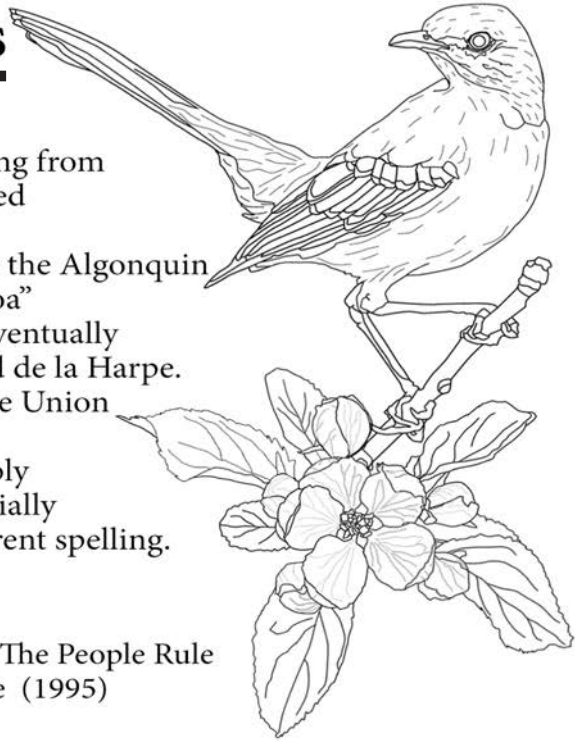
# Arkansas Facts

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The word “Arkansas” means “downstream people,” deriving from a Native American tribe called Quapaw, or Oogaq-pa .

Pronounced Oo-ka-na-sa by the Algonquin tribe, it was labeled “Arkansoa” by Jacques Marquette, and eventually called “Arkansas” by Bernard de la Harpe. Arkansas was admitted to the Union on June 15, 1836.

In 1881, the General Assembly passed a resolution that officially named the state with it’s current spelling.



**Capitol:** Little Rock

**Motto:** *Regnat Populus-* The People Rule

**Nickname:** The Natural State (1995)

**State Dinosaur:** Arkansaurus Fridayi (2017)

**State Fruit & Vegetable:** Vine Ripe Pink Tomato (1987)

**State Beverage:** Milk (1985)

**State Gem:** Diamond (1667)

**State Mineral:** Quartz Crystal (1967)

**State Insect:** Honeybee (1973)

**State Bird:** Mockingbird (1929)

**State Flower:** Apple Blossom (1901)



Use the Arkansas House "Find Your Rep" tool :

[www.arkansashouse.org](http://www.arkansashouse.org)

The Arkansas Senate has a "Search for MY Senator" tool:

[www.arkansas.gov/senate](http://www.arkansas.gov/senate)

Simply enter your address and it will provide you with the person to contact.

## Where?

Legislators are elected to represent their district. Whether you like or dislike a bill, your voice will have the biggest impact when you are communicating directly to those who are held accountable at your voting precinct.

Use the search tools before calling so we can ensure your message is delivered.

## Why?



# Find Your Legislator

## What?

Arkansas legislators work to pass bills and resolutions for the benefit of their district and the state.

To search archived videos and meetings:

[www.arkansashouse.org/watch-live](http://www.arkansashouse.org/watch-live)

Search all bills, legislators, meetings and more at

[www.arkleg.state.ar.us](http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us)

## When?

There are **135 legislators** who receive thousands of calls and emails during every session.

**To be contacted sooner:**

**Email:** put the bill number on the subject line.

**Call:** tell the operator your senator or representative.

**Look through this directory for phone numbers and email addresses for every legislator.**

**My State Senator is:**

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**My State Representative is:**

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