



ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
93<sup>RD</sup> SESSION  
2021-2022



## President Pro Tempore Sen. Jimmy Hickey, Jr.

Senator Jimmy Hickey, Jr., of Texarkana represents District 11 of southwest Arkansas, which includes Lafayette, Little River and Miller Counties and parts of Hempstead and Sevier Counties. First elected in 2012, he took the oath of office on the first day of the 2013 legislative session.

His colleagues elected Senator Hickey as President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the 93rd General Assembly. He is a member of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Taxation, the Senate Insurance and Commerce Committee, Joint Performance Review Committee and Joint Retirement and Social Security Committee. Sen. Hickey is also a member of the Joint Budget Committee, the Legislative Council and the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

Hickey is a member of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) and the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC.)

From 2004-2010, Senator Hickey served on the Texarkana, Arkansas School District School Board, where he was named vice-president and president. He was a banker for 25 years and retired from Commercial National Bank as senior vice president.

A native of Texarkana, Senator Hickey received his Bachelor of Business Administration from East Texas State University. He is married to Denise and they have a son.

Senator Hickey and his wife are members of Trinity Baptist Church.



## 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 6 serving his sixth term in the House. Shepherd lives and practices law in El Dorado at the law firm of Shepherd & Shepherd, P.A. He and his wife, Alie, have three children.

He was born and raised in El Dorado and graduated from El Dorado High School in 1994. Shepherd went on to graduate Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. in History and Political Science from Ouachita Baptist University in 1998 and 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 and Eastern Districts of Arkansas, and 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 Judiciary Committee, the House Agriculture, Forestry & Economic Development Committee, and the House Management Committee. Additionally, he serves as Chairman of the Arkansas Code Revision Commission. He was appointed by the Arkansas Supreme Court to its Special Task Force on Practice and Procedure in Civil Cases and was appointed to the Arkansas Bar Association Task Force on Maintaining a Fair and Impartial Judiciary. Shepherd has received a number of awards and recognitions for his legislative service.

## Message to Our Constituents

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The 93rd General Assembly convened when Arkansas was emerging from one of the most challenging times in our state's history.

To meet those challenges and pave the way for recovery for our state, we reduced taxes, passed a unique approach to Medicaid expansion, increased teacher pay, and made historic increases to education funding.

Just as many of you made changes to your business or classroom last year, we made changes to our procedures in the 2021 Regular Session. We changed schedules, expanded meeting room space, and provided for virtual options for members.

As public participation is vital to our democracy, we worked to create as safe an atmosphere as possible for Arkansans to interact with their legislature and have their voices heard. All meetings are live streamed and you can watch previous meetings in the archives found on our websites.

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

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.



SENATOR JIMMY HICKEY, JR  
President Pro Tempore, Arkansas Senate



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





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# Officers of the 93<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly

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## Senate



Tim Griffin  
Lieutenant Governor



Jimmy Hickey, Jr.  
Senate President Pro Tempore

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## Assistant Pro Tempore



Bill Sample



Lance Eads



Linda Chesterfield



Ronald Caldwell

## House



Matthew J. Shepherd  
Speaker of the House



Jon S. Eubanks  
Speaker Pro Tempore

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## Assistant Speakers Pro Tempore



Frances Cavanaugh



Fred Allen



Marcus E. Richmond



Michelle Gray

# AR 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

Lieutenant Governor serves as President of the Senate.

In his absence, the Senate President Pro Tempore takes his 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 meets on the second Monday in January of odd number years for regular session, and on the second Monday in February on even number years for fiscal session. A regular session lasts for 60 days and a fiscal session lasts for up to 30 days, unless the legislature votes to extend either session. The Governor of Arkansas can issue a "call" for a special session during the interims between regular sessions. The Arkansas General Assembly meets at the Arkansas State Capitol in Little Rock.

## To be a member of the General Assembly one must. . .

- |   |   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● be at least 25 years old.</li><li>● be a resident of Arkansas for at least 2 years.</li><li>● be a resident of his/her district for at least 1 year.</li><li>● serve a 4 year term.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● be at least 21 years old.</li><li>● be a resident of Arkansas for at least 2 years.</li><li>● be a resident of his/her district for at least 1 year.</li><li>● serve a 2 year term.</li></ul> |
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## NOTES

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# WHO MAKES UP THE 93<sup>RD</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SENATE?

## 35 MEMBERS

7  
WOMEN

28  
MEN

EACH MEMBER REPRESENTS APPROX

# 83,300 ARKANSANS



28 REPUBLICANS  
7 DEMOCRATS

For more information on the Senate, visit the Arkansas Senate's website at:

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

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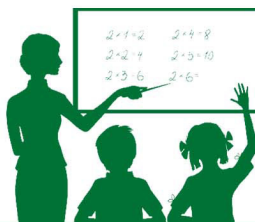
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- A RESIDENT OF ARKANSAS FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS
- A RESIDENT OF HIS/HER DISTRICT FOR AT LEAST 1 YEAR.
- AT LEAST 25 YEARS OLD

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3 are Farmers, or have  
Agriculture backgrounds



3 Educators  
or retired Educators



4 Attorneys  
or former Attorneys



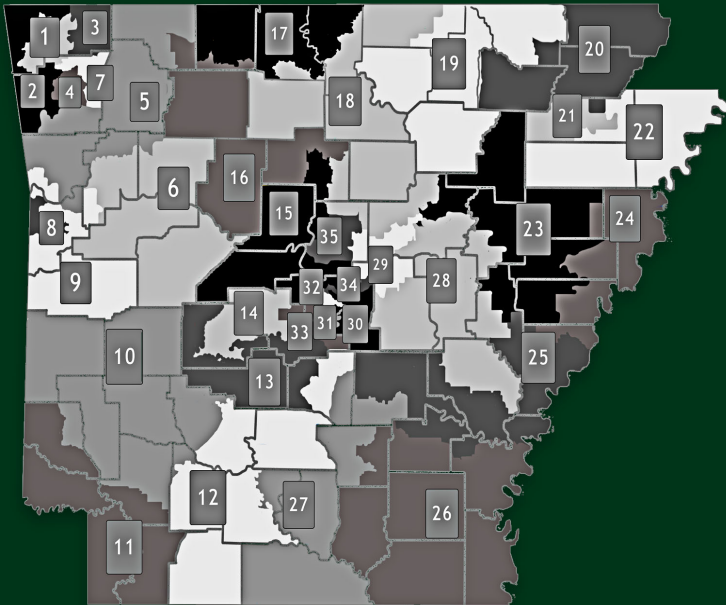
3 Health Care Professionals  
includes doctors,  
dentist, nurses,  
& pharmacists



3 Veterans



# SENATE DISTRICTS



1 - BART HESTER  
2 - JIM HENDREN  
3 - CECILE BLEDSOE  
4 - GREG LEDING  
5 - BOB BALLINGER  
6 - GARY STUBBLEFIELD  
7 - LANCE EADS  
8 - MATHEW PITSCH  
9 - TERRY RICE  
10 - LARRY TEAGUE  
11 - JIMMY HICKEY, JR.  
12 - CHARLES BECKHAM  
13 - ALAN CLARK  
14 - BILL SAMPLE  
15 - MARK JOHNSON  
16 - BREANNE DAVIS  
17 - SCOTT FLIPPO  
18 - MISSY IRVIN

19 - JAMES STURCH  
20 - BLAKE JOHNSON  
21 - DAN SULLIVAN  
22 - DAVID WALLACE  
23 - RONALD CALDWELL  
24 - KEITH INGRAM  
25 - STEPHANIE FLOWERS  
26 - BEN GILMORE  
27 - TRENT GARNER  
28 - JONATHAN DISMANG  
29 - RICKY HILL  
30 - LINDA CHESTERFIELD  
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## Senate Standing Committees

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Chair

### **Public Health, Welfare, and Labor**

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Scott Flippo, **Vice Chair**  
Breanne Davis  
Ben Gilmore  
Kim Hammer  
Bart Hester  
Dan Sullivan  
David Wallace



Bill Sample,  
Chair

### **Revenue and Tax**

Bill Sample, **Chair**  
Jonathan Dismang, **Vice-Chair**  
Ronald Caldwell  
Jimmy Hickey Jr.  
Keith Ingram  
Mark Johnson  
Jason Rapert  
Larry Teague



Missy Irvin,  
Chair

### **Education**

Missy Irvin, **Chair**  
Joyce Elliot, **Vice-Chair**  
Charles Beckham  
Linda Chesterfield  
Lance Eads  
Jane English  
Greg Leding  
James Sturch



Alan Clark,  
Chair

### **Judiciary**

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Stephanie Flowers, **Vice-Chair**  
Bob Ballinger  
Trent Garner  
Jim Hendren  
Blake Johnson  
Terry Rice  
Gary Stubblefield



Ronald  
Caldwell,  
Chair

### **Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development**

Ronald Caldwell, **Chair**  
Ricky Hill, **Vice-Chair**  
Charles Beckham  
Ben Gilmore  
Greg Leding  
Bill Sample  
James Sturch  
David Wallace



Jim Hendren,  
Chair

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Larry Teague, **Vice-Chair**  
Jonathan Dismang  
Joyce Elliott  
Kim Hammer  
Jimmy Hickey Jr.  
Keith Ingram  
Missy Irvin



Gary  
Stubblefield,  
Chair

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Terry Rice, **Vice-Chair**  
Alan Clark  
Scott Flippo  
Stephanie Flowers  
Jim Hendren  
Mark Johnson  
Dan Sullivan



Jason Rapert,  
Chair

### **State Agencies and Governmental Affairs**

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Trent Garner, **Vice-Chair**  
Bob Ballinger  
Cecile Bledsoe  
Breanne Davis  
Jane English  
Bart Hester  
Clarke Tucker



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## Senate Standing Committees

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**Chair**

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Lance Eads  
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Trent Garner  
Ricky Hill  
Clarke Tucker



David Wallace,  
**Chair**

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Alan Clark  
Breanne Davis  
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Greg Leding

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## Senate Select Committees

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**Chair**

### Efficiency

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Jonathan Dismang  
Joyce Elliott  
Jane English  
Ben Gilmore  
Keith Ingram  
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Larry Teague



Lance Eads,  
**Chair**

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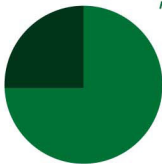
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100 MEMBERS



EACH MEMBER REPRESENTS APPROX

30,000  
ARKANSANS



78 REPUBLICANS  
22 DEMOCRATS

16 FRESHMEN

20  
SERVING  
2<sup>ND</sup> TERM

17  
SERVING  
3<sup>RD</sup> TERM

20  
SERVING  
4<sup>TH</sup> TERM

17 SERVING 5<sup>TH</sup> TERM

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

## 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 21 YEARS OLD

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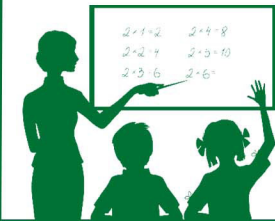
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Agriculture backgrounds



6 Health Care Professionals  
includes doctors,  
dentist, nurses,  
& pharmacists



10 Educators  
or retired Educators



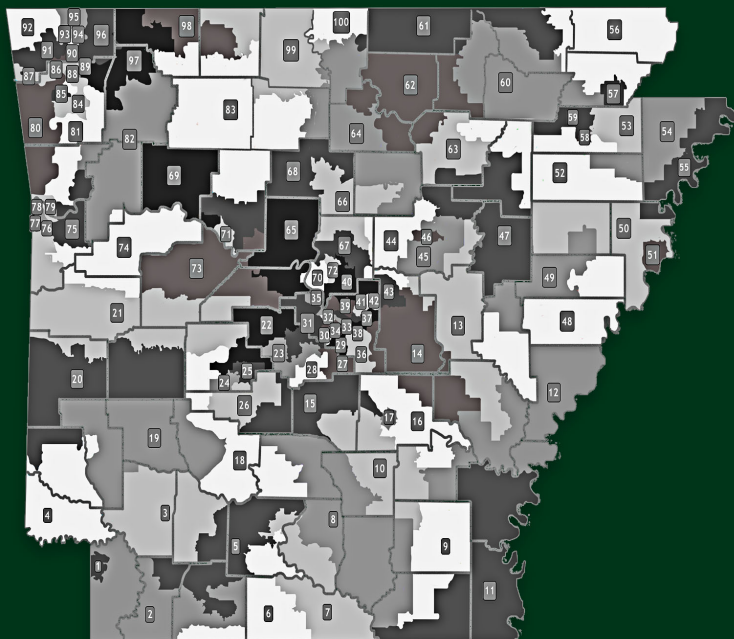
6 Attorneys  
or former Attorneys



12 Veterans



# HOUSE DISTRICTS



1 - CAROL DALBY	26 - RICK MCCLURE	51 - DEBORAH FERGUSON	76 - CINDY CRAWFORD
2 - LANE JEAN	27 - JULIE MAYBERRY	52 - DWIGHT TOSH	77 - JUSTIN BOYD
3 - DANNY WATSON	28 - TONY FURMAN	53 - JON MILLIGAN	78 - JAY RICHARDSON
4 - DEANN VAUGHT	29 - FREDRICK J. LOVE	54 - JOHNNY RYE	79 - GARY DEFFENBAUGH
5 - DAVID FIELDING	30 - FRED ALLEN	55 - MONTE HODGES	80 - CHARLENE FITE
6 - MATTHEW J. SHEPHERD	31 - KEITH BROOKS	56 - JOE JETT	81 - BRUCE COLEMAN
7 - SONIA EUBANKS BARKER	32 - ASHLEY HUDSON	57 - JIMMY GAZAWAY	82 - SARAH CAPP
8 - JEFF WARDLAW	33 - TIPPI MCCULLOUGH	58 - BRANDT SMITH	83 - MARK H. BERRY
9 - HOWARD M. BEATY, JR.	34 - JOHN W. WALKER	59 - JACK LADYMAN	84 - DENISE GARNER
10 - MIKE HOLCOMB	35 - ANDREW COLLINS	60 - FRANCES CAVENAUGH	85 - DAVID WHITAKER
11 - MARK D. MCELROY	36 - CHARLES BLAKE	61 - MARSH DAVIS	86 - NICOLE CLOWNEY
12 - DAVID TOLLETT	37 - JAMIE SCOTT	62 - MICHELLE GRAY	87 - ROBIN LUNDSTRUM
13 - DAVID HILLMAN	38 - CARLTON WING	63 - STU SMITH	88 - CLINT PENZO
14 - RODGER D. LYNCH	39 - MARK LOWERY	64 - JOHN PAYTON	89 - MEGAN GODFREY
15 - KEN BRAGG	40 - DAVID RAY	65 - RICK BECK	90 - KENDON UNDERWOOD
16 - KENNETH B. FERGUSON	41 - KARILYN BROWN	66 - JOSH MILLER	91 - DELIA J. HAAK
17 - VIVIAN FLOWERS	42 - MARK PERRY	67 - STEPHEN MEEKS	92 - GAYLA H. MCKENZIE
18 - RICHARD WOMACK	43 - BRIAN S. EVANS	68 - STAN BERRY	93 - JIM DOTSON
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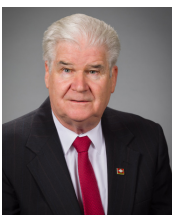
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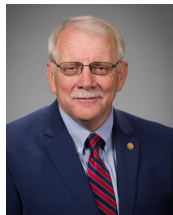
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Mike Holcomb  
Tippi McCullough  
Richard McGrew  
Mark Perry  
Johnny Rye  
Jamie Scott  
Keith Slape  
David Tollett  
Kendon Underwood  
Les Warren

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## House Standing Committees

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Mark Lowery,  
Chair

### Insurance and Commerce

Mark Lowery, **Chair**  
John Maddox, **Vice-Chair**  
Fred Allen  
Justin Boyd  
Karilyn Brown  
Nicole Clowney  
Brian S. Evans  
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David Fielding  
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Jimmy Gazaway  
Monte Hodges  
Robin Lundstrum  
Reginald Murdock  
Clint Penzo  
Aaron Pilkington  
David Ray  
Jay Richardson  
Jim Wooten



Dwight Tosh,  
Chair

### State Agencies and Governmental Affairs

Dwight Tosh, **Chair**  
Justin Gonzales, **Vice-Chair**  
Rick Beck  
Bruce Cozart  
Gary Deffenbaugh  
Jim Dotson  
Michelle Gray  
Spencer Hawks  
Lane Jean  
Lee Johnson  
Jack Ladyman  
Fredrick J. Love  
Austin McCollum  
Stephen Meeks  
Josh Miller  
John Payton  
Marcus Richmond  
Nelda Speaks  
Jeffrey Wardlaw  
David Whitaker

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## House Select Committees

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Les Eaves,  
Chair

### Rules

Les Eaves, **Chair**  
Keith Slape, **Vice-Chair**  
Mark H. Berry  
Carol Dalby  
Jon S. Eubanks  
Deborah Ferguson  
Kenneth B. Ferguson  
Lanny Fite  
Michelle Gray  
Mike Holcomb  
Lane Jean  
Stephen Magie  
Dwight Tosh  
DeAnn Vaught  
Jeff Wardlaw  
Finos "Buddy" Johnson  
Parliamentarian  
(Ex-officio, non-voting)



Carlton Wing,  
Chair

### House Management

Carlton Wing, **Chair**  
Lee Johnson, **Vice-Chair**  
Fred Allen  
Jack Fortner  
Delia J. Haak  
Matthew J. Shepherd  
Nelda Speaks



## Joint Budget Committee

### Senate



Jonathan  
Dismang,  
Co-Chair

Jonathan Dismang, **Co-Chair**  
David Wallace, **Vice-Chair**

Bob Ballinger  
Linda Chesterfield  
Alan Clark  
Breanne Davis  
Lance Eads  
Joyce Elliott  
Jane English  
Scott Flippo  
Stephanie Flowers  
Kim Hammer  
Jim Hendren  
Bart Hester  
Jimmy Hickey, Jr.  
Rickey Hill  
Keith Ingram  
Missy Irvin  
Blake Johnson  
Mark Johnson  
Greg Leding  
Bill Sample  
Gary Stubblefield  
Larry Teague

### House



Lane Jean  
Co-Chair

Lane Jean, **Co-Chair**  
Justin Boyd, **Vice Chair**  
Frances Cavenaugh  
Bruce Coleman  
Les Eaves  
Jon S. Eubanks  
Kenneth B. Ferguson  
Vivian Flowers  
Jack Fortner  
Denise Garner  
Jimmy Gazaway  
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Mike Holcomb  
Joe Jett  
Lee Johnson  
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Jamie Scott  
Matthew J. Shepherd  
Joy C. Springer  
Dwight Tosh  
Jim Wooten

## Arkansas Legislative Council

### Senate



Terry Rice,  
Co-Chair

Terry Rice, **Co-Chair**  
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Linda Chesterfield  
Alan Clark  
Breanne Davis  
Lance Eads  
Joyce Elliot  
Jane English  
Stephanie Flowers  
Bart Hester  
Ricky Hill  
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Mark Johnson  
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### House



Jeff Wardlaw  
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Jeffrey Wardlaw, **Co-Chair**  
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Bruce Cozart  
Gary Deffenbaugh  
Deborah Ferguson  
David Fielding  
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Michelle Gray  
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Jack Ladyman  
Mark Lowery  
Ron McNair  
Stephen Meeks  
Josh Miller  
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## Joint Performance Review

### Senate



Jane English,  
Co-Chair

Jane English, Co-Chair  
Charles Beckham, Vice-Chair  
Alan Clark  
Scott Flippo  
Ben Gilmore  
Jim Hendren  
Jimmy Hickey Jr.  
Blake Johnson  
Terry Rice

### House



Jimmy Gazway  
Co-Chair

Jimmy Gazaway, Co-Chair  
Reginald Murdock, Vice-Chair  
Mary Bentley  
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Bruce Cozart  
Marsh Davis  
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Jack Fortner  
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David Hillman  
Joe Jett  
Mark Lowery  
John Payton  
David Ray  
Marcus E. Richmond  
Jamie Scott  
Brandt Smith  
Joy C. Springer  
Carlton Wing

## Legislative Joint Auditing

### Senate



Ronald  
Caldwell,  
Co-Chair

Ronald Caldwell, Co-Chair  
Gary Stubblefield, Vice-Chair  
Charles Beckham  
Cecile Bledsoe  
Linda Chesterfield  
Joyce Elliot  
Trent Garner  
Ben Gilmore  
Kim Hammer  
Jim Hendren  
Keith Ingram  
Greg Leding  
Mathew Pitsch  
James Sturch  
Clarke Tucker

### House



Richard  
Womack,  
Co-Chair

Richard Womack, Co-Chair  
Nelda Speaks, Vice-Chair  
Stan Berry  
Keith Brooks  
Karilyn Brown  
Nicole Clowney  
Cameron Cooper  
Justin Gonzales  
Robin Lundstrum  
John Maddox  
Julie Mayberry  
Tippi McCullough  
Gayla Hendren McKenzie  
Milton Nicks, Jr.  
Aaron Pilkington  
Jay Richardson  
Johnny Rye  
Keith Slape  
Stu Smith  
Danny Watson

## Public Retirement & Social Security- Joint

### Senate



Kim Hammer,  
Co-Chair

Kim Hammer, **Co-Chair**  
Linda Chesterfield, **Vice-Chair**  
Joyce Elliott  
Jimmy Hickey Jr.  
Keith Ingram  
Missy Irvin  
Greg Leding  
Jason Rapert  
Bill Sample  
Larry Teague

### House



Les Warren,  
Co-Chair

Les Warren, **Co-Chair**  
Gary Deffenbaugh, **Vice-Chair**  
Bruce Coleman  
Cindy Crawford  
Brian S. Evans  
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Mark Perry  
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Stu Smith

## Advanced Communications & Information Technology

### House



Stephen Meeks  
Co-Chair

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Richard Womack

## Energy- Joint

### Senate



Bob Ballinger,  
Co-Chair

Bob Ballinger, **Co-Chair**  
Mark Johnson, **Vice-Chair**  
Ronald Caldwell  
Lance Eads  
Scott Flippo  
Stephanie Flowers  
Trent Garner  
Blake Johnson  
Terry Rice  
Gary Stubblefield

### House



Rick Beck,  
Co-Chair

Rick Beck, **Co-Chair**  
Clint Penzo, **Vice-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.**

## **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.**

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

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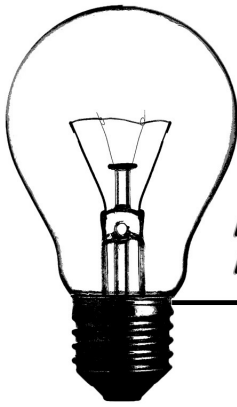
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Johnson







**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

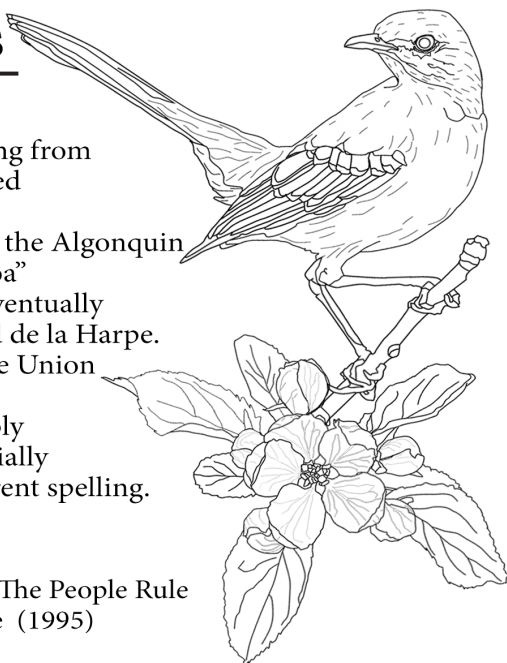
ONCE PASSED BY ONE HOUSE, IT IS SENT TO THE OTHER CHAMBER, WHERE THE LAWMAKING PROCESS FOLLOWS A SIMILAR COURSE.

A BILL FROM THE SENATE GOES TO THE HOUSE.  
A BILL FROM THE HOUSE GOES TO THE SENATE.

IF THE BILL FAILS IN EITHER CHAMBER, IT CANNOT ADVANCE ANY FURTHER.

# Arkansas Facts

The word “Arkansas” means “downstream people,” deriving from a Native American tribe called Quapaw, or Oogaaq-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)

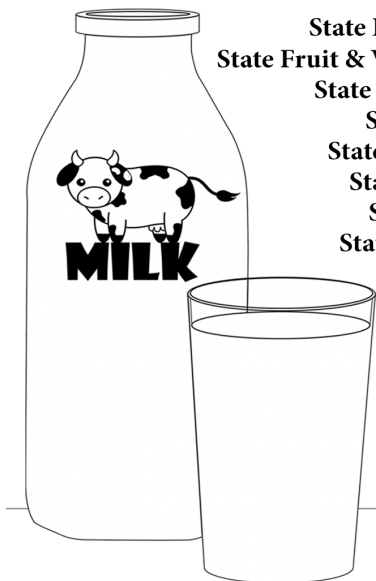
**State Gem:** Diamond (1667)

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

**State Insect:** Honeybee (1973)

**State Bird:** Mockingbird (1929)

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



# How to Contact Your Legislator

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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