ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
93RD SESSION
2021-2022
President Pro Tempore

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 it’s 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

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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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...

- 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 93RD 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

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4 Attorneys or former Attorneys

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WHO MAKES UP THE 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES?

100 MEMBERS

24 WOMEN
76 MEN

EACH MEMBER REPRESENTS APPROX

30,000 ARKANSANS

78 REPUBLICANS
22 DEMOCRATS

16 FRESMHEN

20 SERVING 2ND TERM
17 SERVING 3RD TERM
20 SERVING 4TH TERM
17 SERVING 5TH TERM
10 SERVING 6TH TERM

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Interim Activities

EVERY PIECE OF LEGISLATION STARTS WITH AN IDEA

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
Perform 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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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
- DO NOT PASS
- DO PASS AS AMENDED

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
The bill is drafted and given to the chief clerk of the house or the secretary of the senate and assigned a number.

Then...

...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 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 its 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

The Arkansas Senate has a “Search for MY Senator” tool: www.arkansas.gov/senate

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

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.

Where?

Find Your Legislator

Why?

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

Search all bills, legislators, meetings and more at 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:

My State Representative is: