



Welcome to the  
105th General Session  
of the Texas Legislature  
11:00

## SENATE

The upper house of Tennessee's General Assembly is called the Senate. The state is divided into thirty-three senatorial districts (see map on page 32), from each of which one senator is elected. Senators are elected to four-year terms with those from even-numbered districts being elected in the same general election, and those representing odd-numbered districts being elected two years later. Thus, about half of the thirty-three senators are standing for election at the same time. Tennessee's senatorial term is the same as all but twelve states in the Union. Re-election to the Senate is constitutionally permissible, as it is in the House, and there is no limit on the number of terms a legislator may serve.

To qualify for election to the Senate, one must be 30 years old, a U.S. citizen, a state resident for three years and a resident of the district in which elected for one year immediately preceding election.

The leader of the Senate, or speaker, is also the state's lieutenant governor. The speaker of the Senate is elected by the Senate at each organizational session of the General Assembly. The lieutenant governor stands in immediate succession to the governorship.

Other leaders in the Senate include the speaker pro tempore, the deputy speaker, and the Republican and Democrat leaders who are the primary spokespersons for their respective parties concerning Senate matters. Two other key Senate officers are the Republican and Democrat caucus chairpersons, who preside over meetings of their political parties to consider and formulate party policy.

The Senate has certain powers and obligations that are different from those of the House of Representatives. The Senate is given the power to try impeachment proceedings initiated by the House. Any officer of the state may be impeached, but two-thirds of the Senate must concur before removal from office occurs.

Political makeup of the Senate of the 106th General Assembly, at the time of publication, is eighteen Republicans (fourteen men and four women), fourteen Democrats (ten men and four women) and one seat vacant.

Photographs and biographical sketches of the senators of the 106th General Assembly appear on the following pages.



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*Speaker of the Senate and Lieutenant Governor*

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The Tennessee Constitution mandates that the members of the Senate shall choose a speaker. Article 3, Section 12 of the Constitution also provides that the speaker of the Senate, in the event of a vacancy in the office of the governor, shall assume that office. Additionally, by statute, the speaker of the Senate holds the office of lieutenant governor of the state of Tennessee.

As speaker of the Senate, various responsibilities include the maintaining of order in the Senate chamber and the direct supervision of the chief sergeant-at-arms of the Senate. The speaker also has the power of appointment of all officers and members of Senate committees, unless otherwise directed by the Senate. In making appointments the speaker is to consider the abilities, preferences, and seniority of members and the political party representation in the Senate. Likewise, the speaker possesses the power of removal from committee posts or memberships and serves as a member of all Senate standing committees.

The speaker serves as co-chairman of the Joint Legislative Services Committee which oversees offices that provide services to the General Assembly, and is an *ex* member of several boards and committees including the Fiscal Review Committee, the Tennessee Mental Health Board, and the Council on Pensions and Insurance. He also currently serves as chairman of the State Building Commission.

## SPEAKER OF THE SENATE AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

### Ronald L. Ramsey

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Methodist; Married to the former Sindy Parker of Kingsport; Three Daughters: Tiffany, Sheena and Madison; B.S., East Tennessee State University; **Community Service:** Bristol Association of Realtors; Sunday School Teacher, Elizabeth Chapel United Methodist Church; **Awards/Honors:** No. 1 Legislator for Business in Tennessee, *Business Tennessee Magazine*, 2008; National Federation of Independent Business Guardian of Small Business Award; Lifetime Achievement Award, East Tennessee State University College of Business and Technology, 2007; Tennessee School Boards Association Legislative Award, 2007; First District Tennessee Christian Coalition State Representative of the Year, 1994; *Business Tennessee Magazine's* Fourth Most Powerful Person in Tennessee, 2009; Tennessee Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame, 2008; Realtor of the Year, 2007; Tennessee Development District Association Legislator of the Year, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2006, and 2007; 2004 Conservation Legislator of the Year; 40 Under 40, *Business Journal*, 1993; **Legislative Service:** Chairman, Senate Environment and Conservation Committee, 101st and 102nd General Assemblies; Caucus Chairman, 103rd General Assembly; Majority Leader, 104th General Assembly. On a historic day, January 9, 2007, Ron Ramsey was elected by the Senate to be the first Republican Lieutenant Governor since 1869 and the first new Lieutenant Governor since 1971.

**Member:** Senate: 100th through 106th General Assemblies. House: 98th and 99th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Johnson and Sullivan—2nd Senatorial District.

## Staff for the Office of the Speaker and Lieutenant Governor



**Matt King**  
Chief of Staff

Born January 12, 1971, Memphis, TN; Married: Wife, Shelli; Two Children, Matthew and William; Methodist; B.L.S., Political Communications, University of Memphis; Research Analyst, Senate Environment Committee, 1997-1998; State Director, National Federation of Business, 1998-2001; Executive Director, Tennessee Republican Party, 2001-2002; Consultant, Ingram Group, 2003-2004; Appointed Senior Policy Advisor to Senate Majority Leader, 2004-2007; Appointed Chief of Staff to Lieutenant Governor Ron Ramsey, 2007.



**Lance Frizzell**  
Deputy Chief of Staff

Born March 5, 1970, Murfreesboro, TN; Married: Wife, Jessica; Two Children, Andrew and Grant; Church of Christ; B.S., History, Middle Tennessee State University; M.S., Mass Communication, Middle Tennessee State University; Veteran, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Bronze Star Medal; Member, Veterans of Foreign Wars; GOP State Executive Committeeman; Tennessee Government Executive Institute Class of 2007; Political Director, Tennessee Republican Party, 2001-2002; Press Secretary, House Republican Caucus, 2003-2006; Appointed Deputy Chief of Staff, 2007.



**Russell Humphrey**  
Chief Clerk of the Senate

Born September 2, 1971, Ancon, PCZ; Married; Episcopalian; B.A., Economics, University of Memphis; J.D., Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, University of Memphis; Omicron Delta Kappa; Phi Alpha Delta Legal Society; Member, Tennessee and American Bar Associations; American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries; Attorney in Private Practice, 1997-98; Executive Assistant for Policy and Research, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, 1998-1999; Acting Chief Clerk of the Senate, 1999-2000; Appointed Chief Clerk of the Senate, 2001; Chief of Staff, 2002-2007.



**Pam George**  
*Executive Assistant*



**Debbie Rankin**  
*Executive Assistant*



**Will Canterbury**  
*Administrative Assistant*



**Bill Taliaferro**  
*Security Assistant*



**Alan Whittington**  
*Assistant Chief Clerk*



**M. Scott Sloan**  
*Chief Engrossing Clerk*



**Don Keaton**  
*Chief Sergeant-at-Arms*

## 106th General Assembly Officers of the Senate

**Ronald L. Ramsey**, *Speaker of the Senate and Lieutenant Governor*

**Jamie Woodson**, *Speaker Pro Tempore*

**Bill Ketron**, *Deputy Speaker*

### Republican Caucus

**Mark Norris**, *Republican Leader*

**Diane Black**, *Republican Caucus  
Chairman*

**Mae Beavers**, *Republican Caucus  
Treasurer*

**Jack Johnson**, *Republican Caucus  
Secretary*

### Democratic Caucus

**Jim Kyle**, *Democratic Leader*

**Roy Herron**, *Democratic Caucus  
Chairman (First Regular Session)*

**Lowie Finney**, *Democratic Caucus  
Chairman (Second Regular Session)*

**Doug Jackson**, *Democratic Caucus Vice  
Chairman*

**Andy Berke**, *Democratic Caucus  
Secretary/Treasurer*

## Standing Committees

**Commerce, Labor and Agriculture** – Jack Johnson, *chairman*; Dewayne Bunch, *vice chairman*; Charlotte Burks, *secretary*; Mae Beavers, Tim Burchett, Bill Ketron, Eric Stewart, Reginald Tate.

**Education** – Dolores Gresham, *chairman*; Reginald Tate, *vice chairman*; Andy Berke, *secretary*; Charlotte Burks, Rusty Crowe, Joe Haynes, Bill Ketron, Jim Tracy, Jamie Woodson.

**Environment, Conservation and Tourism** – Steve Southerland, *chairman*; Ken Yager, *vice chairman*; Eric Stewart, *secretary*; Tim Barnes, Charlotte Burks, Mike Faulk, Doug Jackson, Jack Johnson, Jamie Woodson.

**Finance, Ways and Means** – Randy McNally, *chairman*; Douglas Henry, *vice chairman*; Tim Burchett, *secretary*; Diane Black, Joe Haynes, Roy Herron, Jim Kyle, Mark Norris, Doug Overbey, Bo Watson, Jamie Woodson.

**General Welfare, Health and Human Resources** – Rusty Crowe, *chairman*; Bo Watson, *vice chairman*; Beverly Marrero, *secretary*; Diane Black, Ophelia Ford, Douglas Henry, Roy Herron, Randy McNally, Doug Overbey.

**Government Operations** – Bo Watson, *chairman*; Thelma Harper, *vice chairman*; Ophelia Ford, *secretary*; Tim Barnes, Dewayne Bunch, Rusty Crowe, Jack Johnson, Reginald Tate.

**Judiciary** – Mae Beavers, *chairman*; Doug Jackson, *vice chairman*; Doug Overbey, *secretary*; Diane Black, Dewayne Bunch, Mike Faulk, Jim Kyle, Beverly Marrero.

**State and Local Government** – Bill Ketron, *chairman*; Lowe Finney, *vice chairman*; Joe Haynes, *secretary*; Tim Burchett, Mike Faulk, Thelma Harper, Mark Norris, Jim Tracy, Ken Yager.

**Transportation** – Jim Tracy, *chairman*; Steve Southerland, *vice chairman*; Tim Barnes, *secretary*; Mae Beavers, Andy Berke, Lowe Finney, Dolores Gresham, Doug Jackson, Ken Yager.

## Select Committees

**Calendar** – Mike Faulk, *chairman*; Jim Kyle, Mark Norris.

**Delayed Bills** – Ron Ramsey, *chairman*; Mark Norris, Jim Kyle.

**Ethics** – Diane Black, *chairman*; Charlotte Burks, *vice chairman*; Joe Haynes, Bill Ketron, Mark Norris.

**Rules** – Mark Norris, *chairman*; Randy McNally, *vice chairman*; Dewayne Bunch, *secretary*; Douglas Henry, Jim Kyle.

## SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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Husband, William E. "Bill" Woodson, Jr.; Three Children: Joseph, Elizabeth and Caitlin; B.A. and J.D. University of Tennessee at Knoxville; Torchbearer, University of Tennessee at Knoxville; **Community Service:** Former Board and Executive Committee, East Tennessee Development District; Board Member, Hillcrest Beverly Foundation; Board Member, YMCA; Board Member, Epilepsy Foundation East Tennessee; Board Member, John Sevier Foundation; Board Member, Great Smoky Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America; Past Executive Director, Knoxville Quarterback Club; Knoxville Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Association; Leadership Knoxville, 2001; Nucleus Knoxville; Tennessee Horizon Network; South Knoxville Rotary; Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce; Tennessee Valley Hunt; United States Equestrian Association; South Knoxville Republican Club; West Knox Republican Club; Volunteer Women's Republican Club; Young Republican Club; Legacy Park Foundation; Executive Women's Association of Knoxville; American Legislative Exchange Council; **Awards/Honors:** 1994 University of Tennessee Torchbearer; 2000 Alzheimer's Association of East Tennessee Stand By Us Award; "Statesman of the Year" Award, Tennessee Optometric Association; "Exceptional Woman 2006" Award, Halls Crossroads Women's League; "2006 Legislator of the Year Award," East Tennessee Development District; "Legislative Friends Award 2006," Nature Votes/Tennessee Conservation Voters; "Sigrid Steward Legislator of the Year Award 2007," Tennessee Parent Teacher Association; "William Baird Legislative Leadership Award 2007," Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities; "2007 Legislator of the Year Award," The Junior Leagues of Tennessee; "Special Friend of the Deaf Award 2007," Knoxville Center of the Deaf; "Voice on the Hill Award 2007," Tennessee Association Alcohol, Drug and Other Addiction Services; "Senator of the Year Award 2007," Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence; "Tennessee Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Life Achievement Award 2008;" Listed in the *Greater Knoxville Business Journal* "40 under 40" in 2008; Listed in *BusinessTN* as one of "The Best Lawmakers for Business in Tennessee in 2008"; and "2009 Legislator of the Year Award," United Ways of Tennessee; **Legislative Service:** Tennessee General Assembly Arts Caucus; Tennessee Sportsman's Caucus; National Sportsman's Caucus; Southern Regional Education Board; Education Leadership Commission; Education Commission of the States; former House Republican Floor Leader and Parliamentarian; Select Committee on Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation; Economic Council on Women; Former Chairman, Senate Education Committee; Appointed Senate Speaker Pro Tempore in 2009; Member: Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee; Senate Education Committee; Oversight Committee on Education; Council on Pensions and Insurance; Select Committee on Children and Youth; Council of State Government's Associates Advisory Committee and the Henry Toll Fellowship Program; and Southern Legislative Conference's Education Committee and the Energy and Environment Committee.



**Member:** Senate: 104th through 106th General Assemblies. House: 101st through 103rd General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Knox—6th Senatorial District.

The speaker of the Tennessee Senate selects a speaker pro tempore to serve a two-year term. In the absence of the speaker of the Senate, the speaker pro tempore presides over the Senate. The speaker pro tempore performs duties assigned by the speaker of the Senate and serves at the pleasure of the speaker.

## DEPUTY SPEAKER

**Bill Ketron**

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**Political Party:** Republican  
**Marital Status:** Married



First United Methodist Church; B.S., Middle Tennessee State University; President, Universal-International Insurance; Distinguished Alumni, Middle Tennessee State University; **Community Service:** Leadership Rutherford; Rutherford County Commissioner, eight years; Chaired Health and Education and County Budget Committees; Rutherford County Adult Activity Center Board for the Handicapped; Tennessee Vocational Board; Humane Society Board; Eagle Scout (at age 12); Lodge Chief, Vigil Member; National Eagle Scout Association; Middle Tennessee Council Board, Boy Scouts; 32nd Degree Mason; York Rite Mason; Shriner; N.R.A.; Co-Founder and First President, Blue Raider Athletic Association; State President, Professional Insurance Agents of Tennessee; President, Rutherford County Volunteer Fire Department; Exchange Club President, 1982; State President, 1989; National Board, 1990-1994; National President, 1995-1996; Foundation National President, 2001-2004; **Awards/Honors:** Silver Beaver Award, Boy Scouts; Long Rifle Award, Boy Scouts; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Development District Association; Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Community Organizations (TNCO); Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association; **Legislative Service:** Chair: Senate State and Local Government Committee; Deputy

Speaker: Senate Republican Caucus; Chairman, Fiscal Review Committee.

**Member:** 103rd through 106th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Lincoln, Marshall, Maury, and part of Rutherford—13th Senatorial District.

The deputy speaker is appointed to a two-year term by the speaker of the Senate. The deputy speaker helps schedule and guide the flow of legislation on the floor and assists the speaker in the administrative decision-making of the Senate, and also serves as a liaison with regional and national legislative bodies.

**DEMOCRATIC LEADER****Jim Kyle**

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Presbyterian; B.S., Arkansas State University; J.D., University of Memphis School of Law, 1976; **Community Service:** Memphis Bar Association; Arkansas State Alumni Association; Ducks Unlimited; Board of Governors, American Correctional Association, 1994-98; Tau Kappa Epsilon Social Fraternity; Board of Directors, University of Memphis Law School Alumni Association; **Awards/Honors:** Shelby County Deputy Sheriff's Association Legislator of the Year; Recipient, Henry Toll Fellowship, Council of State Governments, 1985; Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference Legislator of the Year, 1992; Domestic Violence Task Force Legislator of the Year, 1996; Tennessee Council of Teachers of English President's Award, 1999; University of Tennessee Health Science Center Leadership Award, 2000; Gateway Christian Schools Year 2000 Legislative Award; County Officials Association of Tennessee Legislator of the Year, 1992 and 2000; Insurers of Tennessee Presidential Citation, 2001; Sierra Club Award of Appreciation, 2001; Memphis Education Association Friend of Education Award, 2002; Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association 2008 Legislative Award; **Legislative Service:** Chairman, Democratic Caucus, 95th General Assembly; Chairman, Select Oversight Committee on Corrections, 96th through 100th General Assemblies; Chairman, Shelby County Delegation 2009; Democratic Leader, 104th through 106th General Assemblies.



**Member:** 93rd through 106th General Assemblies.  
**Counties Represented:** Shelby—28th Senatorial District.

The Senate Democratic leader is elected for a term of two years by the party's caucus during the organizational session of the General Assembly. The Democratic leader has the responsibility of coordinating the legislative efforts of Senate members with work being done by the House of Representatives.

The leader is the spokesperson for the Democratic party in the Senate and is policy spokesperson for the executive branch of state government when the governor is affiliated with the same party.

## REPUBLICAN LEADER

**Mark Norris**

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**Marital Status:** Married



Episcopalian; Two Sons; B.A., Colorado College; J.D., University of Denver; **Community Involvement:** National Rifle Assoc.; TN Firearms Assoc.; National Assoc. of Sportsmen Legislators; Sons of the American Revolution; TN Cattlemen's Assoc.; National Caucus of Environmental Legislators; The Phoenix Inc.: 1980-90, President 1988-89; Boys & Girls Club of Memphis, 1990-96; The MED Foundation, Chair 1992-2004; Shelby Co. Commission: 1994-2000, Chair 1996-97; Nature Conservancy of TN, 1998-2007; Memphis Agricultural Club, 1998-present; Farm Bureau, 1998-present; West Star, 1999; National Ornamental Metal Museum, 2000-present; Dyersburg Army Air Base Memorial Assoc., 2006-present; TN Historical Society, 2007-present; National Academy of Public Admin. Intergovernmental Forum on Transportation Finance, 2007; Southern Legislative Conference Economic Development, Transportation, & Cultural Affairs Committee Chair, 2006-08; SLC Vice Chair; Council of State Governments Transportation Task Force Co-Chair; CSG Executive Committee; **Awards/Honors:** 1998 Shelby Co. Republican Party Chair's Award; 1998 TN Parent-Teacher Assoc. Honorary Lifetime Membership; 2000 Shelby Co. Soil Conservation District Distinguished Service Award; 2002 CSG Toll Fellow; 2002 SAR, Isaac Shelby Chapter, Silver Good Citizenship Medal; 2004 TN School Boards Assoc. Legislator of the Year; 2005 TN

Parent-Teacher Assoc. Legislator of the Year; 2005 & 2007 TN Development District Assoc. Legislator of the Year; 2006 TN Public Transportation Assoc. Legislator of the Year; 2007 & 2009 Memphis Area Assoc. of Governments Legislator of the Year; 2007 TN Assoc. of Chiefs of Police Legislative Award; 2008 NFIB Guardian of Small Business; 2008 DA's Conference Legislator of the Year; 2008 County Officials Assoc. Outstanding State Senator; **Legislative Service:** Shelby Co. Delegation Vice Chair, 2001-07; Senate Transportation Committee Chair, 2005-06; Senate Republican Caucus Chair, 2006; Current Committees: Finance, Ways & Means; State & Local Government; Calendar; Ethics; Delayed Bills; Rules Committee Chair; Current Joint-Committees: Veterans' Affairs; Workers Compensation; Arts Caucus; TN Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations Chair; Senate Republican Leader, 105th & 106th General Assemblies.

**Member:** 102nd through 106th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Dyer, Lauderdale, Shelby, and Tipton—32nd Senatorial District.

The Republican Leader of the Senate is the chief spokesperson for the party in the Senate and for the policy of the executive branch when the governor is a member of the party.

The Republican Leader acts to rally support of legislation in the Senate and works closely with the House Republican leadership in developing political strategy and timing of legislation. This position is elected for a term of two years during the organizational session of the Senate.

## DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS CHAIRMEN

### *First Regular Session*

#### Roy Herron

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Methodist; B.S. with Highest Honors, University of Tennessee; Rotary Scholar, University of St. Andrews, Scotland; M.Div. and J.D., Vanderbilt University; Herron Farms, Inc.; Author of *Things Held Dear: Soul Stories for My Sons, Tennessee Political Humor: Some of These Jokes You Voted For* (with L. H. "Cotton" Ivy), and *How Can a Christian Be in Politics?*

**Community Service:** Rotary; Chambers of Commerce; Tennessee Bar Association; Community Foundations of Greater Memphis and Middle Tennessee; Boy Scouts of America; Habitat for Humanity; YMCA; Ducks Unlimited; Brian Brown Bohunker Triathlon and Marathon Club; McWherter Center for Rural Development; **Awards/Honors:** Council of State Governments Toll Fellow; Japan Society Public Policy Fellow.

**Member:** Senate: 100th through 106th General Assemblies. House: 95th through 99th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Benton, Decatur, Henderson, Henry, Lake, Obion, Perry, Stewart, and Weakley—24th Senatorial District

### *Second Regular Session*

#### Lowé Finney

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Wife, Tiffany; Deacon, Jackson's First Baptist Church; Bachelor's Degree, Business Administration, University of Tennessee-Martin; Law Degree, Saint Louis University; Former Instructor, Lane College, Jackson; Former Instructor, Lambuth University, Jackson; Ames Plantation Historical Society; Madison County and Tennessee Bar Associations; National Rifle Association; Southwest Tennessee Development District Executive Committee; Carroll County Chamber of Commerce; Greater Gibson County Chamber of Commerce; Humboldt Chamber of Commerce; Milan Chamber of Commerce; Jackson-Madison County Chamber of Commerce; Member, Committee on Economic Redevelopment, Transportation and Cultural Affairs, Southern Legislative Conference; Member, Legislative Arts Caucus; Member, Ayres Children's Medical Center Community Advisory Board; State Legislative Leadership Foundation Emerging Political Leaders Program, 2007; Tennessee County Officials Association Outstanding State Senator, 2008; Tennessee Forestry Association Legislator of the Year, 2008; Southwest Development District Legislator of the Year, 2008; United Way Legislator of the Year, 2009; Northwest Development District Legislator of the Year, 2009; Democratic Caucus Chairman, 2009-2010; Member, Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism and Government Operations Committees; Secretary-Treasurer, Senate Democratic Caucus; Vice Chair, Senate State and Local Government Committee; Member, Transportation Committee; Secretary, Long Term Care Oversight Committee; Member, Joint Transportation Committee; Member, Transportation Funding Study Committee; Vice Chairman, Joint TWRA Study Committee.

**Member:** 105th and 106th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Carroll, Gibson, and Madison—27th Senatorial District.

The Senate Democratic caucus chairperson presides at meetings of Democratic members of the Senate, and presides over joint meetings of Senate and House Democrats. The Senate Democratic caucus chairperson attends leadership meetings of the Senate. It is the chairperson's responsibility to see that all caucus meetings are conducted in a fair and orderly fashion.

## REPUBLICAN CAUCUS CHAIRMAN

**Diane Black**

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Lutheran; A.S.N., Anne Arundel College; B.S.N., Belmont University; **Community Service:** Alumni Member, Leadership Middle Tennessee; President, Hendersonville Rotary Club Foundation; Board Member, Children Are People, Inc.; Board Member, Volunteer State Community College Foundation; Board Member, VSA Arts Tennessee; Past Chair, United Way of Sumner County; Past Board Member, YMCA; Past Board Member, Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce; Past Board Member, American Heart Association; Past President, Leadership Sumner Alumni Association; Past Vice Chair, Habitat for Humanity of Sumner County; Past President, P.E.O.; Past President, Hendersonville Rotary Club; Past President, Gallatin Chapter, American Cancer Society; Past President, Gallatin Toastmasters; Member, Gallatin, Goodlettsville, Hendersonville, Portland, Springfield/Robertson and Westmoreland Chambers of Commerce; **Awards/Honors:** Rotarian of the Year, 1993, Hendersonville Rotary Club; Leadership Summer Distinguished Alumni, 1998; Sumner County YMCA Volunteer of the Year, 2001; American Cancer Society Legislator of the Year, 2003; Right to Life Legislator of the Year, 2004; Recognized by Sumner County Chapter 240 Vietnam Veterans, 2005; County Officials Association of Tennessee Outstanding State Senator, 2005; Tennessee Nurses Association Outstanding Legislator of the Year, 2005;

American Heart Association Advocate of the Year, 2006; American Diabetes Association State Public Policy Leadership Award, 2007; Sumner County Ladies Delegation First Woman Senate Republican Caucus Chairman, 2007; Henry Toll Fellowship Program Class of 2007; Emerging Leader Class of 2007; Recognized by TN Suicide Prevention Network, 2007; Junior Leagues of Tennessee Legislator of the Year, 2008; Tennessee Home Education Association Statesman Award, 2008; Farmers Insurance Group Outstanding Legislative & Community Service, 2008; The Arc of Tennessee Legislature Award, 2008; Tennessee Development District Association Legislator of the Year Award, 2008; Recognized by the TN Organ Donor Registry, 2008; Assisted Living Federation of American Champions for Seniors in Assisted Living Award, 2008; Tennessee Association of Homes & Services for the Aging Honorary Chair Award, 2008; National Federation of Independent Business Guardian of Small Business Award, 2008; American Heart Association Legislator of the Year, 2008; Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers Legislator of the Year, 2008; **Legislative Service:** Chair, Senate Republican Caucus; Chair, Senate Ethics Committee; Member, Senate Judiciary Committee, Senate General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee, Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee, and Select Committee on Children and Youth; Long Term Care Oversight Committee.

**Member:** Senate: 104th through 106th General Assemblies. House: 101st through 103rd General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Robertson and Sumner—18th Senatorial District.

The Chairman of the Senate Republican Caucus works with the Republican Leader to advance Republican initiatives in the state Senate. The chairman is active in the political affairs of the party across the state. He or she, along with other party legislative leaders, keeps party members of the House and Senate informed of issues facing the caucus. The chairman is involved in planning and coordinating political and fund-raising events for the party, and helping to re-elect current members of the caucus.

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**Member:** 106th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Cheatham, Houston and Montgomery—22nd Senatorial District.

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**Member:** Senate: 103rd through 106th General Assemblies. House: 99th through 102nd General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Cannon, Clay, DeKalb, Macon, Smith, Sumner, Trousdale, and Wilson—17th Senatorial District.

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Two daughters; Attorney and Law Partner, Berke, Berke and Berke Law Firm; J.D. with Honors, University of Chicago Law School; B.S. with Honors, Stanford University; Law Clerk to the Honorable Judge Deanell Tacha, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit; Former Legislative Assistant, U.S. Congressman Bart Gordon; Former Adjunct Professor, Kansas University Law School; **Community Service:** Board Member, Siskin Children's Institute; WTCI Public Television; Member, Parent Teacher Association, Normal Park Elementary School; Supreme Court Task Force on Alternative Dispute Resolution; American Association for Justice; Volunteer, Children's Advocacy Center, Allied Arts; Former Board Member, Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council of Hamilton County; Tennessee Association for Justice; Recipient, NAACP Award, 45 Under 45; **Legislative Service:** Secretary-Treasurer, Senate Democratic Caucus; Secretary, Senate Education Committee; Transportation Committee; Workforce Development Board; Emerging Political Leaders Program.

**Member:** 105th and 106th General Assemblies.

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Baptist; Wife, Karen; Sons, Clay and Pierce; B.S., Tennessee Technological University, 1981; Master's Degree, East Tennessee State University, 1985; J.D., University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1990.

**Member:** Senate: 105th and 106th General Assemblies. House: 101st through 104th General Assemblies.

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**Member:** Senate: 101st through 106th General Assemblies. House: 99th and 100th General Assemblies.  
**Counties Represented:** Knox—7th Senatorial District.

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Church of Christ; **Community Service:** Member, Domestic Violence State Coordinating Council; Creating Homes Initiative Task Force; March of Dimes Putnam County Honorary Chair, 2002; Chair, Tennessee Victims of Crime State Coordinating Council; Co-Chair, Joint Victim's Rights Study Committee and Joint Committee for the Basic Education Program; Vice Chair, Upper Cumberland Region for the Tennessee Tourism Caucus Leadership Committee for the Tennessee Tourism Roundtable; Member, Joint Committee on Children and Youth, Tobacco Certifying Board, Southern Regional Education Board; Putnam County Farm Bureau; Putnam County Livestock Association; Tennessee Cattlemen's Association; National Cattlemen's Association; **Awards/Honors:** Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency Legislator of the Year, 1999; Upper Cumberland Development District Legislator of the Year, 2000 and 2009; Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence Legislator of the Year, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005; D.A.R.E. America Leadership Recognition, 2000; Cumberland District of UT Extension Services Friends of Extensions Award, 2000; Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents Tommy Burks Award as an Advocate for K-12 Students, 2000; Tennessee Department District Association Legislator of the Year, 2000; Childhelp USA Award for Service to Tennessee Children and Families, 2002; Tennessee Association of Human Resource Agencies Legislator of the Year, 2002; Friends of 4-H Award, 2002; Honorary State FFA Degree, 2003; U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime Certificate of Appreciation, 2003; Tennessee Home Education Association Friend of the Family Award, 2004; Tennessee Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association Award; Tennessee Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Legislative Award, 2007; T.V.A.T.A. Outstanding Cooperation Award, 2005; County Officials Association of Tennessee Outstanding State Senator, 2005; NAMI 2007 Legislator of the Year; Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence Award, 2008; Bikers Award for Dismas House.

**Member:** 101st through 106th General Assemblies.  
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Methodist; B.S., East Tennessee State University; J.D., Atlanta Law School; Veteran, United States Army; **Community Service:** Member, Johnson City Lions Club; American Legion Post 24; Elks Club; **Awards/Honors:** 1993 Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Human Resource Agencies; 1994 State Senator of the Year, 1st District Tennessee Christian Coalition; 1997 and 2003 Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Development District Association; Melvin Jones Fellow.

**Member:** 97th through 106th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Carter and Washington—3rd Senatorial District.

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Inc.; Member: Holston Valley Sportsman Club, National Rifle Association, Ducks Unlimited, Rogersville-Hawkins County Chamber of Commerce, East Hawkins County Chamber of Commerce, Greater Kingsport Chamber of Commerce, Grainger County Chamber of Commerce; Former Member, Board of Governors, University of Tennessee National Alumni Association; Former First Vice Chairman, Hawkins County Republican Party; **Honors and Awards:** 2007 and 2008 Super Lawyers of the Mid-South; Certified Civil Trial Specialist, National Board of Trial Advocacy; Outstanding Lawyers of America Award; Kirby Bowling Labor Law Award, Memphis State University; U. S. Jaycees Outstanding Young Men of America Award; Community Leader and Noteworthy American Award; Who's Who in the South and Southwest; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities; **Legislative Service:** Chairman, Senate Calendar Committee; Member, Senate Environment, Conservation, and Tourism Committee; Member, Senate State and Local Government Committee; Member, Senate Judiciary Committee; Chairman, Firearms and Ammunition Subcommittee of Senate Judiciary Committee; Member, Select Committee on Children and Youth; Member, TennCare Oversight Committee.

**Member:** 106th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Claiborne, Grainger, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson and Union—4th Senatorial District.

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**Member:** 104th, 105th and 106th General Assemblies.  
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**Member:** Senate: 106th General Assembly. House: 103rd through 105th General Assemblies.  
**Counties Represented:** Chester, Crockett, Fayette, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, McNairy, and Wayne—26th Senatorial District.

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Married 51 Years to Paul Harper; Two Children (One Deceased); Member, Schrader Lane Church of Christ; B.S., Tennessee State University;  
**Community Service:** Former Commissioner, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission; Eight-Year Member, Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County Council (2nd District); Host for over 26 Years, Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Davidson County Children; Member: Nashville

Alumni Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; National HOOK-UP of Black Women, Incorporated; Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors; Downtown Partnership; President, Tennessee Commemorative Women's Suffrage Commission; **Awards/Honors:** Business Award, National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs; Jaycees' Woman of the Year Award; June Anderson Leadership Award, Middle Tennessee State University; Frances Williams Preston Award for Breast Cancer Awareness, 1999; Who's Who in Politics; and Women in Government; First African American Female Elected to State Senate; First Female to Preside Over Tennessee Senate; Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators (Davidson County Delegation); **Legislative Service:** Senate State and Local Government Committee; Senate Correction Oversight Committee; and Select Joint Committee on Children and Youth; Chair, Senate Government Operations Committee.

**Member:** 97th through 106th General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Davidson—19th Senatorial District.

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Shriner; Member, Al Menah Temple; Past President, Goodlettsville-Madison Shrine Club; Member, Kiwanis Club; Executive Board Member, Southern Growth Policies Board; Executive Council Member, Middle Tennessee Boy Scouts; Leadership Nashville; Board of Directors, McKendree Village Retirement Community; Member, Nashville Bar Association (Past President and Director); Nashville Bar Fellow; Tennessee Bar Association; Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association.

**Member:** 94th through 106th General Assemblies.

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**Member:** Senate: 87th through 106th General Assemblies. House: 79th General Assembly.

**Counties Represented:** Davidson—21st Senatorial District.

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**Member:** Senate: 102nd through 106th General Assemblies. House: 95th through 101st General Assemblies.

**Counties Represented:** Dickson, Giles, Hickman, Humphreys, Lawrence, and Lewis—25th Senatorial District.



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Member, Gracepointe Church; Wife, Deanna; Three Children; B.S., Education, Texas State University; **Community Service:** Member, Williamson County-Franklin Chamber of Commerce, Brentwood-Cool Springs Chamber of Commerce, Williamson County Fair Board, Williamson County Child Advocacy Center Advisory Board, Spring Hill Chamber of Commerce, Williamson County and Davidson County Republican Party, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; Delegate, Southern Republican Leadership Conference, 2006; **Legislative Service:** Secretary, Republican Caucus; Chairman, Senate Government Operations Committee; Member, Senate Commerce, Labor and Agriculture, Senate Environment, Conservation, Tourism Committees; Select Oversight Committee on Corrections; Tennessee Information Systems Council; TennCare Oversight Committee.

**Member:** 105th and 106th General Assemblies.

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**Member:** 105th and 106th General Assemblies, House: 103rd and 104th General Assemblies.

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**Member:** Senate: 95th through 106th General Assemblies. House: 91st through 94th General Assemblies.  
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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church; Rotary International Foundation Scholarship, 1975; B.A., Magna Cum Laude, Carson-Newman College, 1976; J.D., University of Tennessee College of Law, 1979; Order of the Coif, U.T. College of Law, 1979; Graduate of the Year, Roosevelt Inn, Phi Delta Phi, U.T. College of Law, 1979; **Community Service:** Blount County Chamber of Commerce; United Way of Blount County; Kiwanis Club of Maryville; Board Member, Blount County Children's Advocacy Center; Board Member, A Secret Safe Place for Newborns of Tennessee; American, Tennessee, Knoxville, and Blount County Bar Associations; Commissioner, Blount County Board of Commissioners, 1982-1990; President, Tennessee County Commissioners Association, 1989-1990; Executive Board, Boy Scouts of America – Great Smoky Mountain Council; Member, Advisory Board, Lincoln Memorial University School of Law; Board Member, East Tennessee Development District; Board Member, East Tennessee Human Resources Agency; Member, Advisory Board, Maryville College Civic Arts Center; **Awards/Honors:** Legislator of the Year, Tennessee Association of Utility Districts, 2003; Community Service Award for Public Service, Tennessee Hospital Association, 2004; Life Safety Award, Tennessee Fire Service Coalition, 2004; Named Outstanding State Representative, County Officials Association of Tennessee, 2004; Named "Legislative Champion," Tennessee Association of Retired Persons, 2004; Award of Appreciation, Tennessee Silica Justice Coalition, 2006; National Legislator of the Year Award, American Physical Therapist Association, 2006; Legislative Victory Award, Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations, 2008; **Legislative Service:** Past Chair, House Health Care Facilities Subcommittee; Past Member, House Budget Subcommittee; Past Member, House Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Past Member, House Health and Human Resource Committee; Past Member, House Calendar and Rules Committee; Secretary, Senate Judiciary Committee; Member, Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Member, Senate General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee.

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**Member:** 103rd through 106th General Assemblies.

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**Member:** 105th and 106th General Assemblies. House: 102nd through 104th General Assemblies.

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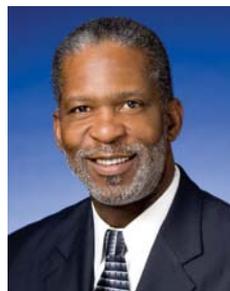
Married; Two Children; Baptist; Austin Peay State University; **Community Service:** Franklin County Chamber of Commerce; Former Franklin County Commissioner; Former Franklin County Democratic Party Executive Committee; Former Fayetteville/Lincoln County Rotarian; Organizing Member of Franklin County Drug Court Advisory Board; Kappa Sigma Fraternity; Mason; **Legislative Service:** Secretary, Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee; Member, Senate Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committee; Member, Corrections Oversight Committee.

**Member:** 106th General Assembly.

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**Member:** 104th through 106th General Assemblies.

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**Counties Represented:** Hamilton—11th Senatorial District.

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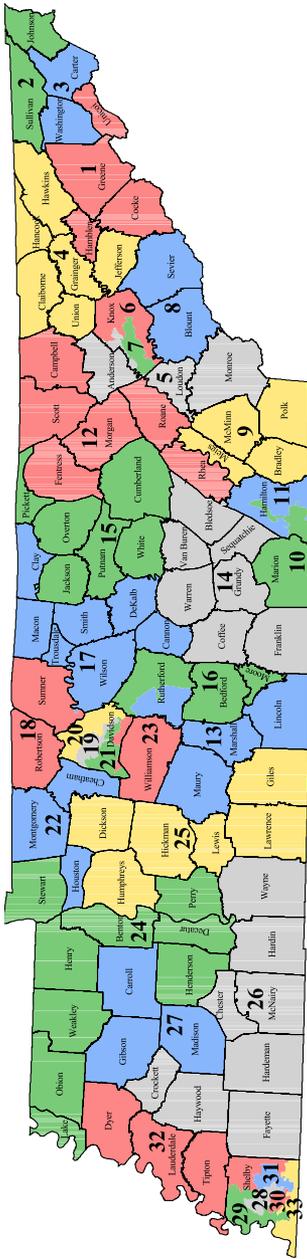
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**Member:** 106th General Assembly.  
**Counties Represented:** Campbell, Fentress, Morgan, Rhea, Roane and Scott—12th Senatorial District.



# 106th General Assembly Senate Districts\*



\*Map shows approximate areas served.

District	County	District	County	District	County
1st	Coke, Greene, Hamblen, Union	14th	Bledsoe, Coffee, Franklin, Grundy, Sequatchie, Van Buren, Warren	25th	Dickson, Giles, Hickman, Humphreys, Lawrence, Lewis
2nd	Johnson, Sullivan	15th	Cumberland, Jackson, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, White	26th	Chester, Crockett, Fayette, Hardeman, Hawkins, Jefferson, Union
3rd	Carter, Washington	16th	Bedford, Moore, Rutherford (in part)	27th	Hardin, Haywood, McNairy, Wayne
4th	Claiborne, Grainger, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, Union	17th	Cannon, Clay, DeKalb, Macon, Smith, Sumner (in part), Trousdale, Wilson	28th	Shelby (in part)
5th	Anderson, Knox (in part), Loudon, Monroe	18th	Robertson, Sumner (in part)	29th	Shelby (in part)
6th	Knox (in part)	19th	Davidson (in part)	30th	Shelby (in part)
7th	Knox (in part)	20th	Davidson (in part)	31st	Shelby (in part)
8th	Blount, Sevier	21st	Davidson (in part)	32nd	Dyer, Lauderdale, Shelby (in part), Tipton
9th	Bradley, McMinn, Meigs, Polk	22nd	Cheatham, Houston, Montgomery	33rd	Shelby (in part)
10th	Hamilton (in part), Marion	23rd	Davidson (in part), Williamson		
11th	Hamilton (in part)	24th	Benton, Decatur, Henderson, Henry, Lake, Obion, Perry, Stewart, Weakley		
12th	Campbell, Fentress, Morgan, Rhea, Roane, Scott				
13th	Lauderdale, Marshall, Maury, Rutherford (in part)				

