

*Biography of*  
**THE HONORABLE RANDY LAVERTY**  
**ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR**



**CHAIRMAN - SENATE EFFICIENCY**  
**SENATE DISTRICT 2**

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Arkansas State Senator Randy Laverty serves District 2, which comprises parts of Boone and Johnson counties and the entirety of Carroll, Newton, Searcy and Madison counties.

During the 88th Legislative Session he serves as chairman of Senate Efficiency and vice-chairman of Public Health, Welfare and Labor. He also serves as a member of the following legislative committees: Joint Budget Committee; Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC); Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development; and Joint Energy.

In September 2010, Senator Laverty was elected vice chairman of The Energy Council during Annual Meeting. He will assume the chairmanship in 2011. The Energy Council is composed of 12 energy-producing states, several Canadian provinces and the nation of Venezuela. Member states include the nation's top oil and gas producers as well as states leading in coal, uranium and renewable energy.

During the 87th Legislative Session, Senator Laverty served as the chairman of Legislative Facilities and vice-chairman of the Arkansas Legislative Council's (ALC) Claims Review. Additionally, he holds membership on Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC); past chairman of Legislative Joint Audit; Joint Budget; Public Health, Welfare and Labor; State Agencies and Governmental Affairs; Joint Energy; and Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials.

Senator Lavery has been an unwavering advocate of special-needs students, public schools, and people with physical, developmental and behavioral disabilities. During his time in the legislature he has created and maintained a close relationship with the Arkansas Sheriff's Association and is an avid supporter of law enforcement.

In 2008 Senator Lavery ran uncontested for a second four-year term in the State Senate, where he has served District 2 since 2003. Prior to his service in the State Senate, he served three consecutive terms representing District 23 in the House of Representatives from 1995-2000. In 1995 he sponsored Act 686 which established the early voting system in Arkansas.

From 1982-1987 Lavery served on the Jasper School Board. Senator Lavery's professional background is in human service, serving 18 years with the Department of Human Services (DHS); the last 8 years as Assistant Director of County Operations. Currently, he serves as the resource development director for the Developmental Disabilities Providers Association (DDPA). Additionally, he is the owner of the Lavery Agency in Jasper, an insurance and consulting agency, and he and his wife manage a small beef cattle operation on their 154 acre farm in Newton County.

In January 2010, the morning after Haiti was devastated by an earthquake, Senator Lavery and other Arkansas elected officials raised over \$3,500 at a breakfast meeting to benefit survivors.

Senator Lavery holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Arkansas Tech University and is an active member of the local Kiwanis Club. He and his wife, Virginia Lee, have two sons and one daughter, four grandchildren, and a golden Labrador Retriever.