

*Biography of*  
**THE HONORABLE LINDA PONDEXTER CHESTERFIELD**  
**ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR**



**ASSISTANT PRO TEMPORE**  
**SENATE DISTRICT 34**

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Senator Linda Pondexter Chesterfield represents Senate District 34, which comprises part of Pulaski County. She is serving her first term in the Arkansas Senate. During the 88th General Assembly, she serves as chairman of the Senate Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs Committee and holds membership on several other committees, including Joint Budget; Arkansas Legislative Council; Legislative Joint Auditing; Senate Revenue and Taxation; Senate Children and Youth; and Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials.

Senator Chesterfield came to the Senate with a wealth of legislative experience. She was elected to the Arkansas House of Representatives in 2002 to serve House District 36, where she served three consecutive terms. While in the House of Representatives, she served as chair of Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs; chair of Desegregation Litigation, and as chair of the K-12, Vocational - Technical School Institutions Subcommittee of Education.

Formerly she served as the president of the Arkansas Democratic Black Caucus and is past treasurer of the Arkansas Legislative Black Caucus.

Civically, she has been active in many local, state and national organizations and has held various leadership capacities, including past president of the Little Rock School Board and the Pulaski County Association of Classroom Teachers and past two-term president of the Arkansas Education Association. She is the only Arkansan elected to the nine-member Executive Committee of the National Education Association.

Professionally, Senator Chesterfield is a retired educator with over thirty years of classroom experience. Additionally, she and her husband, Emry, own a consulting firm, Pondexter Chesterfield Consulting. A native of Hope, Arkansas, Senator Chesterfield was the first African-American to graduate from Hendrix College. The Chesterfields reside in Little Rock and attend the First Baptist Church.