

Biography of
THE HONORABLE LINDA COLLINS-SMITH
ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



CHAIRMAN – SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
SENATE DISTRICT 19

Senator Linda Collins-Smith represents Senate District 19, which is comprised of Independence, Izard and Sharp Counties and portions of Fulton and Randolph Counties. She is serving her first term in the Senate and is chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and vice-chairman of the Legislative Joint Auditing-Medicaid Subcommittee. Her other committee memberships include: Senate City, County and Local Affairs; Senate Court and Civil Law Subcommittee; Joint Performance Review; Joint Energy; Legislative Joint Auditing; Senate Efficiency; Legislative Joint Auditing-State Agencies; Senate Correction Criminal Law 7 Child Support Subcommittee; Alzheimer's Advisory Council and Girls State.

Regionally and nationally, Senator Collins-Smith works with legislators from across the United States as a member of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) and the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). She is a member of the Education Committee of SLC and the Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force of ALEC. In 2015, she was appointed to serve as Arkansas State Director for the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL), which is the nation's oldest organization addressing the needs of elected women at all levels of government.

In 2010, Collins-Smith was elected to the Arkansas House of Representatives where she served one term representing Randolph and Sharp Counties. She served on Revenue and Taxation; City, County and Local Affairs and Joint Energy. Professionally, Collins-Smith is a businesswoman and entrepreneur and has been self-employed for over three decades. She is owner of an award-winning lodging business in Pocahontas. In prior years, she was a regional sales manager and a nationally recognized real estate agent.

Civically, she is a past president of the Arkansas Lodging Association, a lifetime member of the NRA and founding member of the Friends of the NRA in Hardy. She has served on the Arkansas Ethics Commission and the Lower Mississippi Delta Development Council. A product of the Ozarks in rural Arkansas, Senator Collins-Smith has two children. She and her family are members of the Sutton Free Will Baptist Church in Pocahontas.