

*Biography of*  
**THE HONORABLE TRENT GARNER**  
**ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR**



**VICE CHAIR STATE AGENCIES &  
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**  
**SENATE DISTRICT 27**

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Senator Trent Garner of El Dorado was elected in 2016 to represent District 27 in southern Arkansas. It includes Calhoun County and parts of Cleveland, Grant, Jefferson, Ouachita and Union Counties.

Senator Garner is vice chair of the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs and chair of the Legislative Joint Auditing Subcommittee on Counties and Municipalities. He is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Senate Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs Committee. He is a member of Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials Committee, the Joint Energy Committee and the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

As the Senate co-chair of the Legislative Veterans Caucus, he actively works for measures to improve services for veterans and to streamline their transition from the military into private sector employment. One of his legislative priorities is to lower the disproportionate number of suicides among veterans.

In 2021 Senator Garner sponsored legislation that allowed hunting safety courses to be part of public school curricula, to prohibit doxxing of a minor on social media and to establish John R. "Johnny" Cash Day.

In 2019 he co-sponsored legislation to authorize the Adjutant General of the National Guard to remove officers who are unfit or unsuited for military service. He also co-sponsored legislation granting authority to the governor to use the militia to address cybersecurity threats and vulnerabilities in state information systems.

Senator Garner is a consistent defender of the Second Amendment. In 2019 he co-sponsored Act 188 to reduce by half the application fees for a concealed carry permit and in 2017 he co-sponsored Act 562 to define a person's legal rights to carry firearms on the campuses of public universities and colleges.

During his first term in the Senate, he was vice chair of the Legislative Joint Auditing – State Agencies Subcommittee and vice chair of the State Rules, Resolutions and Memorials. He sponsored legislation that established the stolen Valor Act. Other measures extended an expired driver's license belonging to a military member and provided high school graduation credit for completing basic training in the military.

Senator Garner is a former Special Forces Green Beret who served two tours in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom. His military decorations include a Bronze Star with V device, Combat Infantry Badge and Special Forces Tab.

Senator Garner is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and the University of Arkansas Law School, where he graduated with a Juris Doctor and Master of Arts in Political Science. He is an attorney.

He is a native of Magnolia. He and his wife, Kelly, have a son and a daughter and are members of the Baptist church.