

Biography of
THE HONORABLE KEITH M. INGRAM
ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



SENATE MINORITY LEADER
SENATE DISTRICT 24

Senator Keith Ingram of West Memphis has served in the state legislature since 2009, when he was sworn in to the House of Representatives. He was elected to the state Senate just before the 2013 session. He represents District 24, which includes Crittenden County and parts of Cross, Lee, Phillips and St. Francis Counties.

Senator Ingram is serving as Senate Minority Leader for a second term for the 93rd General Assembly. He is a member on the Senate Committee of Revenue and Taxation, Insurance and Commerce and Senate Efficiency Committee. Senator Ingram is a member of Joint Retirement and Social Security, Joint Budget Committee, Arkansas Legislative Council, Legislative Joint Auditing and serves on several subcommittees.

In the past, Senator Ingram has been vice chair of the Joint Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Systems. He has served as member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, the City, County and Local Affairs Committee, the Joint Budget Committee, the Legislative Council and the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee. He is co-chair of the Task Force on Autism and served on the task force that developed a package of income tax reductions and bills to make the Arkansas tax system more competitive and more fair.

Senator Ingram's legislative priorities include stronger ethics and campaign finance laws, to protect the integrity of elections and policy making. He has sponsored legislation to clean up the signature-gathering process, used by organizations that want to place issues on the ballot.

He is a consistent supporter of highway programs and economic development in all its facets, from enacting tax incentives to expanding job training and vocational education. Senator Ingram has secured numerous grants for communities in District 24, and led the successful effort to prevent the closure of the Interstate 55 Bridge across the Mississippi River into Memphis.

Senator Ingram is a businessman who for years was vice president of Razorback Concrete, a major employer in 16 Arkansas cities. He is one of the founders of the Arkansas Delta Council, one of the more effective economic development agencies in eastern Arkansas.

He graduated from the University of Mississippi, but is known as a strong supporter of the University of Arkansas. He's a past member of the Dean's Circle for the University of Arkansas Fay Jones School of Architecture.

Previously, he had been mayor of West Memphis from 1987 through 1995. Besides being active in the Chamber of Commerce, he also served on a Blue Ribbon Panel on the Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

The Arkansas Hospital Association honored Senator Ingram with its Statesmanship Award in recognition of his efforts to secure additional funding for hospitals. In some cases, that funding made the difference in some rural hospitals keeping their doors open. Also, he was a co-sponsor of legislation to create a statewide trauma system.

In 2013 he was elected chairman of the Southern Legislative Conference by elected officials from 15 Southern states.

Senator Ingram's father, W.K. "Bill" Ingram served in the Senate from 1963 until 1981, when he was replaced by his brother, Kent Ingram, who served from 1983 through 1990. Senator Ingram is a member of the Methodist church.