

Biography of

# THE HONORABLE STEPHANIE FLOWERS

## ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR

Assistant President Pro Tempore – 4<sup>th</sup> District



### 92<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly Committee Assignments

**Vice-Chair** - JBC-CLAIMS

**Vice-Chair** - ALC-LITIGATION REPORTS OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE

**Vice-Chair** - JUDICIARY COMMITTEE - SENATE

**Member of** - ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (ALC); ALC-CLAIMS REVIEW; JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE; ALC-CHARITABLE, PENAL AND CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS; ALC-LOTTERY OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE; CITY, COUNTY & LOCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - SENATE; ENERGY - JOINT, CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE - SENATE; ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS

**Alternate** - LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING

**Alternate** - LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING-STATE AGENCIES

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**Senator Stephanie Flowers of Pine Bluff represents District 25, which includes parts of Pine Bluff and Jefferson County, as well as parts of Arkansas, Desha, Lincoln, Monroe and Phillips Counties.**

**An attorney, she is vice chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee. In a typical legislative session she sponsors bills updating the terms, caseloads and jurisdiction of courts and judicial districts.**

Senator Flowers is a member of the City, County and Local Affairs Committee, the Children and Youth Committee, the Joint Budget Committee and the Legislative Council.

She is a native of Pine Bluff who served in the House of Representatives from 2005 through 2010, when she was elected to the Senate. She was sworn in as a state senator on the first day of the 2011 regular session.

Senator Flowers is a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She has a son.

Flowers has sponsored legislation to foster community support for public schools, such as Act 1507 of 2013 to expand the ability of schools to hold events. She sponsored Act 1002 of 2011 and Act 1423 of 2013 to make parental involvement plans more user-friendly and more effective.

In each session she regularly sponsors bills to fund after school programs, drug abuse treatment and services for juveniles caught up in the justice system.

Many of the bills that she sponsors in a typical legislative session are appropriations and don't generate publicity. They flow through the process quietly, after Flowers has reached a consensus with other committee members, and they include funding for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Southeast Arkansas College, the Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District, the Rural Services Department, the Heritage Department, literacy programs and senior citizens centers.

One of Flowers' priorities is to expand and improve re-entry training of inmates, so they are better prepared for a productive life outside prison. She has been instrumental in setting up a program in which probationers and parolees work to clear away condemned properties.

In 2017 she co-sponsored a package of bills to strengthen ethics laws and campaign finance laws. She also co-sponsored legislation to create a monument on the state Capitol grounds honoring Gold Star families who have lost a loved one who died while serving in the military.

**In 2019 she co-sponsored legislation to set up a grant program for improvements at historically black colleges and universities. She also co-sponsored the major highway program enacted in 2019.**

**Senator Flowers graduated from Philander Smith College in Little Rock and the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University in Houston.**