

*Biography of*  
**THE HONORABLE ED WILKINSON**  
**ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR**



**ASSISTANT PRO TEMPORE**  
**SENATE DISTRICT 6**

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Senator Wilkinson is ranked seventh in seniority in the Arkansas Senate and serves the constituents of District 6, which is comprised of Scott County and parts of Johnson, Logan, Polk and Sebastian counties in west-central Arkansas. He is serving his fourth consecutive term as a State Senator.

During the 87th Legislative Session Senator Wilkinson serves as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. His other committee memberships include: Arkansas Legislative Council, Joint Budget, Joint Budget - Claims, Senate State Agencies and Governmental Affairs, Senate Children and Youth, Arkansas State Game & Fish Commission Oversight and Senate Efficiency.

Senator Wilkinson served three terms in the Arkansas House of Representatives from 1995 – 1999 and was elected to the Arkansas Senate in 2000.

Professionally, he is the president and chief operating officer of Farmers Bank in Greenwood and president and chief executive officer of Wilkinson Banking Corporation. A graduate of Greenwood High School, he holds both a bachelor's degree and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Arkansas. He holds additional banking education as a graduate of the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University, and he earned a Master of Banking degree from the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University. Additionally, he is a graduate of an executive education program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Senator Wilkinson is a United States Navy Veteran of both Operation Iraq Freedom and the global war on terrorism and holds the rank of lieutenant commander in the Navy Reserve. He was commanding officer for a detachment that supported activities in Bahrain.

Civically, Senator Wilkinson is very active in his community. He is past president of the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce, charter president of the Rotary Club of Greenwood and serves on the University of Arkansas Alumni Association Board of Directors. He is a member of the Greenwood Volunteer Fire Department, is past master of the Masonic Lodge, past patron of the Eastern Star, past president of the Fort Smith Shrine Club and past wise master of the Western Arkansas Scottish Rite Bodies. He is a member of the Legion of Honor of DeMolay International and is an honorary 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. He is also a member of the Knights Templar in the York Rite and a member of the Red Cross of Constantine. He is a life member of the Greenwood VFW and was the 2004 recipient of the Chamber of Commerce Greenwood Citizen of the Year award.

Senator Wilkinson and his wife, LaDonna, have one son.