

Biography of
THE HONORABLE JACK CRUMBLY
ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



CHAIRMAN - SENATE INSURANCE AND COMMERCE
SENATE DISTRICT 16

Arkansas State Senator Jack Crumbly serves District 16, which comprises parts of Crittenden, Lee, Phillips and St. Francis counties. He is currently serving his second term in the Arkansas Senate.

During the 88th General Assembly he serves as chairman of Insurance and Commerce and as vice-chairman of Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth. His other legislative committee duties include membership on Arkansas Legislative Council; Legislative Joint Audit; Joint Budget; Public Health, Welfare and Labor; and Joint Performance Review.

During the 87th General Assembly, Senator Crumbly served as vice-chairman of Joint Performance Review. He also served on the following legislative committees: Legislative Joint Audit; Joint Budget; Public Health, Welfare and Labor; City, County and Local Affairs; and Children and Youth.

He will continue in his role as chair of the subcommittee on the Arkansas Minority Health Commission, which continues to provide awareness and ensure all minority Arkansas have equal access to quality health and preventive care.

In his professional life, he is an educator and has served as the superintendent of the Earle School District since 1993. He has taught in the Arkansas Delta for over 40 years.

One of his many accomplishments in the field of education includes creating a very effective peer tutorial program called RISE/MOVE, for which he received a Presidential Award from the U.S. Department of Labor. Under his leadership, the Earle School District was able to built a \$4.2 million high school facility, for which Crumbly helped campaign door-to-door.

Current endeavors include economic and agricultural development for the Delta. Last session, Crumbly sponsored a bill to create a sweet potato seed program in Lee County that he hopes to expand. Another issue that could impact both the prison system and education is the STRIVE (Special Training in Remedial Instruction and Vocational Education) Institute that Crumbly is attempting to establish in Lee County. The Institute would support 100 teenage, non-violent offenders and place them in a strict regimented system which would include vocational training.

Previously, he served on the St. Francis County Quorum Court for 12 years. He is also a former restaurant owner. He is a past president of the Arkansas African American Administrators Association and serves on the board of Advocates for Community and Rural Health.

An alumnus of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Senator Crumbly graduated with a double major in agriculture and biology. He received his master's degree from University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He and his wife, Johnetta, have one son and two daughters.