

Biography of
THE HONORABLE TERRY RICE
ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



VICE CHAIRMAN – ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
SENATE DISTRICT 9

Senator Terry Rice represents Senate District 9, which is comprised of Scott County and portions of Crawford, Franklin and Sebastian Counties. He is serving his first term in the Senate and is vice chairman of three committees: Senate Insurance and Commerce, Arkansas Legislative Council and its Executive Subcommittee. His other committee memberships include: Senate Judiciary; Legislative Joint Auditing; Joint Performance Review; Legislative Joint Auditing-State Agencies and the Health Reform Legislative Task Force. He also serves as an ex officio on 12 other committees and subcommittees.

Regionally and nationally, Senator Rice works with legislators from across the country as a member of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC), the Council of State Governments (CSG) and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). He is a member of the Energy and Environment Committee of SLC, the Committee on Suggested State Legislation of CSG and the Natural Resources and Infrastructure Standing Committee of NCSL.

In 2008, Rice was elected to the Arkansas House of Representatives where he served three consecutive terms and represented portions of seven counties. He hails from a lineage of public servants as both his father and grandfather served in the Arkansas Legislature.

Senator Rice is the longtime co-owner of Rice Furniture in Waldron and a cattle farmer. He is president of two Rice Furniture & Appliance Stores. Professionally, he is a past president of the Arkansas Home Furnishings Association and has served on the southeast region board of Associated Volume Buyers/Brand Source National Dealer Group. He has received regional and state recognition for his professional accomplishments including *Dealer of the Year* from various industry associates.

Born in Fort Smith, Senator Rice and his wife, JoAnn, have been married for over 40 years and have two sons. They have four grandchildren and are members of the Bates Baptist Church.