Biography of THE HONORABLE BILL SAMPLE ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



SENATE DISTRICT 19

Senator Bill Sample is serving his first term in the Arkansas Senate. Elected in 2010, he represents District 19, which comprises part of Garland County. During the 88th Legislative Session he serves as vice chairman of City, County and Local Affairs Committee and chairman of Joint Legislative Audit Subcommittee on Counties and Municipalities. He also serves on the following legislative committees: Legislative Joint Auditing; Senate Revenue and Taxation; Senate Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs; Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials; and Joint Retirement and Social Security. Additionally, he is an alternate to Joint Budget.

In 2004, Senator Sample was elected to the Arkansas House of Representatives and served three consecutive terms. As State Representative for House District 30, he served as chairman of House Public Transportation as well as Boys and Girls State and vice chairman of ALC-Personnel. He held membership on several committees, including Arkansas Legislative Council; House Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development; ALC - Peer; Blue Ribbon Committee on Highway Finance; House Parks and Tourism Subcommittee; and ALC-Policy Making.

In July 2011, Senator Sample was elected vice-chairman of the Economic Development, Transportation and Cultural Affairs Committee of The Council of State Governments' Southern office, the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC).

A small-business owner, Senator Sample owns Pestco, Inc., a termite and pest control company. He and his wife Betty Ann have two daughters.