## Biography of THE HONORABLE JONATHAN DISMANG ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



## PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE SENATE DISTRICT 28

Senator Jonathan Dismang represents Senate District 28, which is comprised of Prairie County and parts of Arkansas, Lonoke, Monroe, White and Woodruff Counties. Serving his second term in the Senate, he is and the President Pro Tempore for the remainder of the 89<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and will serve in the same capacity for the 90<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. He is also chairman of Joint Budget Committee (JBC) – Special Language. His committee memberships include:

- Senate Agriculture, Forestry & Economic Development
- Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor
- Senate Children and Youth
- Joint Energy
- Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC)
- Joint Budget Committee (JBC)
- Legislative Joint Auditing
- Executive Committee of Arkansas Legislative Council
- Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace Legislative Oversight
- ALC-Game and Fish/State Police
- ALC-Review
- ALC-Peer
- Legislative Joint Auditing-Education Institutions
- Legislative Joint Auditing-Medicaid Subcommittee
- ALC-Administrative Rules & Regulations
- ALC-Policy Making
- ALC-Hospital and Medicaid Study Subcommittee
- Task Force on Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Local 911 Systems Blue Ribbon Committee

Regionally and nationally, Senator Dismang is active with several key organizations including the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC), the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) and the Council of State Governments (CSG). With SLC, he holds membership on the Fiscal Affairs & Government Operations Committee and the Human Services & Public Safety Committee, with NCSL he serves on the Health Standing Committee and with CSG, he serves on the Committee for Suggested State Legislation.

During the 88th General Assembly, he served on the following committees: Legislative Joint Auditing; Joint Budget; Joint Performance Review; Joint Energy; Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor; and Senate City, County and Local Affairs.

Senator Dismang was elected to the Arkansas House of Representatives in 2008 to serve House District 49. He was chairman of the Arkansas Legislative Council PEER Committee, vice-chairman of Income Taxes-Personal and Corporate Subcommittee. He was also elected vice chairman of the Freshman Caucus and recognized by his peers for his outstanding leadership ability.

In January 2014, *Governing* Magazine recognized him as one of 12 "Heavy Hitters" in legislatures across the nation. The *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* named him one of the Top Six Freshman to Watch during the 87th General Assembly and the Three Rivers Edition of the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* named him as one of Twenty to Watch.

Professionally, Senator Dismang is owner and president of Dismang Consulting Services, LLC, where he provides financial oversight services with an emphasis in real estate. Civically, he is active in many local and state organizations, including White County 4-H Foundation, The Rose Bud East Advisory Council, Beebe Chamber of Commerce, Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Searcy Young Professionals Network and the Harding University Presidents Council. He is a member of the board of directors for the Arkansas Children's Advocacy Centers and past chairman of the Arkansas National Association of Royalty Owners.

A native of Maynard, Arkansas, Senator Dismang is an honor graduate of Harding University with degrees in accounting and economics. He is married to the former Mandy Staggs and together they have two children, Cade and Sawyer. The family are members of Beebe Church of Christ.