

*Biography of*  
**THE HONORABLE EDDIE JOE WILLIAMS**  
**ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR**



**SENATOR MAJORITY LEADER**  
**CHAIRMAN – SENATE STATE AGENCIES &**  
**GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**  
**SENATE DISTRICT 29**

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Arkansas State Senator Eddie Joe Williams is serving his second term representing Senate District 29, which is composed of portions of Faulkner, Lonoke, Pulaski and White Counties. He was elected to the Senate in 2010 and re-elected in 2012. Currently, in the 89<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, he is chairman of Senate State Agencies and Governmental Affairs and vice chairman of the Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) – Charitable, Penal and correctional Institutions. He holds membership on Senate Judiciary, Arkansas Legislative Council, Joint Budget Committee (JBC), Legislative Joint Auditing, ALC-Game and Fish/State Police, Legislative Joint Auditing-State Agencies, ALC-Review, JBC-Personnel and Joint Energy. Senator Williams was also appointed to the SLC Executive Committee.

During the 88th General Assembly, he served on several committees, including Legislative Joint Auditing, Senate Revenue and Taxation, Senate Children and Youth, City, County, Local Affairs, and Joint Energy. He was a first alternate for Arkansas Legislative Council.

Regionally and nationally, Senator Williams works with legislators from across the country as a member of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC), the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), the Energy Council and the Center for Legislative Energy and Environmental Research (CLEER). He serves on the Executive and the Fiscal Affairs & Government Operations Committees of SLC and the Labor & Economic Development Committee and the Redistricting & Elections Task Force of NCSL.

Williams is also the Arkansas State Chairman for ALEC and serves on the board of CLEER and the State Legislative Leaders Foundation (SLLF) Board of Directors. In 2013, Senator Williams received the *Distinguished Legislator Award* from Balanced Energy Arkansas and received the *Faces of Arkansas Award* from the Arkansas State CASA Association.

Civically, Williams serves on the board of Child Advocate Centers of Arkansas. He began his career in public service in the City of Cabot with an appointment to the planning commission. At the end of his appointment, he was elected to three consecutive terms on the Cabot City Council. He was elected mayor of the City of Cabot in 2003 and completed his term in December 2010.

Professionally, Senator Williams worked for Union Pacific Railroad for almost 40 years, working his way from laborer to the regional director of transportation, managing daily operations for the eastern division covering Illinois to Louisiana. Born in Sheridan, Williams is married to the former DeLona Rudy, and together they have four daughters and eleven grandchildren.