## Biography of THE HONORABLE STEPHANIE FLOWERS ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



## CHAIRMAN – SENATE CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE SENATE DISTRICT 25

Senator Stephanie Flowers serves District 25, which comprises parts of Arkansas, Desha, Jefferson, Lincoln, Monroe and Phillips counties. She is serving her second term. In the current 90<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, Senator Flowers serves as chair of the Senate Children and Youth Committee and the Task Force on Sickle Cell Disease. She is vice chair three committees including Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor, Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC)-Charitable, Penal and Correctional Intuitions and Joint Budget Committee-Peer Review. She holds membership on the following committees:

- Senate Insurance and Commerce
- Senate City, County and Local Affairs
- Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials
- Joint Budget Committee (JBC)
- Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC)
- ALC-Claims Review
- ALC-Hospital and Medicaid Study Subcommittee
- ALC-Higher Education Subcommittee
- Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee
- Legislative Task Force to Study the Realignment of Higher Education

During the 89th General Assembly, she served as an Assistant Pro Tempore of the Senate, chairman of the Senate Children and Youth Committee and the Arkansas Legislative Council-Charitable, Penal and Correctional Institutions. She was vice chairman of the Desegregation Litigation Oversight Subcommittee. She held membership on the following committees:

- Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor
- Senate Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development
- Senate City, County and Local Affairs
- Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials
- Joint Budget Committee (JBC)
- Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC)
- JBC Claims
- ALC-Claims Review
- Public Health-Senate Labor & Environment Subcommittee
- ALC-Hospital and Medicaid Study Subcommittee
- ALC-Litigation Reports Oversight Subcommittee
- Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee
- Task Force on Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Ex officio: Senate Children & Youth Subcommittee

During the 88th General Assembly she served as vice chairman of Senate Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development and held membership on Joint Budget; Senate Judiciary; Senate Children and Youth; Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials; and Legislative Joint Auditing.

Regionally and nationally, Senator Flowers works with legislators as a member of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC), the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), and the Council of State Governments (CSG). She serves on SLC's Economic Development, Transportation and Cultural Affairs Committee; CSG's Health Capacity Public Policy and NCSL's Law and Criminal Justice and Public Policy Standing Committee.

Senator Flowers began her legislative service career in 2004 with her election to the Arkansas House of Representatives. She served three consecutive terms as the representative for District 17. During the 87th General Assembly, she served as co-chair of ALC - Claims Review Subcommittee. As a House member, she held membership on Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC); House Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs; House Public Health, Welfare and Labor; House Advanced Communications and Information Technology; ALC - Administrative Rules and Regulations; ALC - Litigation Reports Oversight Subcommittee; and House Public Health - House Labor and Environment Subcommittee.

Senator Flowers has been active with the Democratic Party at the local, state and national level. She served on the executive committee of the Arkansas Democratic Party and was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 2008. She is also a member of the Jefferson County Democratic Women.

Professionally, Senator Flowers is a practicing attorney licensed in Texas and Arkansas. Once a deputy prosecutor in Jefferson County juvenile court, she has been in private practice for over 30 years. She is a member of several legal associations and organizations, including the W. Harold Flowers Law Society and the Jefferson County Bar Association. Civically, she is engaged in the community in several capacities including as a member of the Pine Bluff Chamber of Commerce. A native of Pine Bluff, Senator Flowers is the daughter of the late attorney W. Harold Flowers and educator Margaret Brown Flowers. She has one son, Zeri, and is a member of Mount Pleasant A.M.E. Church.