

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



**ASSISTANT PRO TEMPORE**  
**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 90<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, he is chairman of three committees including Senate State Agencies and Governmental Affairs, Senate Constitutional Issues Subcommittee and the Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments. He co-chairs the Intermodal Transportation & Commerce Task Force and is vice chairman of Joint Energy. He holds membership on the following:

- Senate Education
- Senate Efficiency
- Legislative Joint Auditing
- Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC)
- Joint Budget Committee (JBC)
- JBC - Claims
- Legislative Joint Auditing – Counties and Municipalities
- Legislative Joint Auditing – Medicaid Subcommittee
- Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission Oversight Committee
- Girls State

In the 89<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, he was chairman of Senate State Agencies and Governmental Affairs and vice chairman of the Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) – Charitable, Penal and correctional Institutions.

He held 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 on the SLC Executive Committee. During the his first General Assembly (88<sup>th</sup>), 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). Williams is a State Chairman for ALEC and serves on the board of CLEER, the State Legislative Leaders Foundation (SLLF) Board of Directors and the Southern States Energy Board. He serves on the Fiscal Affairs & Government Operations Committee of SLC and the Redistricting & Elections Task Force of NCSL. In 2014, Senator Williams received the *American Legion Blue Cap Award*. The previous year, he received the *Distinguished Legislator Award* from Balanced Energy Arkansas and the *Faces of Arkansas Award* from the Arkansas State CASA Association.

Senator Williams has a conservative philosophy and his legislative priorities are a reflection of his beliefs, which include education, energy and family values. He has consistently supported cutting taxes. Civically, Williams is active in his community in various capacities. He is a member of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas Advisory Council. In past years, he served as a member of the Child Advocate Centers of Arkansas Board of Directors.. 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 ten grandchildren.