

Biography of
THE HONORABLE JON WOODS
ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



**CHAIRMAN – JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE – SPECIAL
LANGUAGE
SENATE DISTRICT 7**

Senator Jon Woods represents Senate District 7, which is comprised of part of Washington County. He is chairman Joint Budget Committee-Special Language and vice chairman of Arkansas Legislative Council-Game & Fish/State Police. In the current 90th General Assembly, his committee memberships include: Senate Judiciary; Senate State Agencies & Governmental Affairs; Joint Public Retirement & Social Security Programs; Senate Rules, Resolutions & Memorials; Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC); Joint Budget Committee (JBC); ALC-Higher Education Subcommittee; ALC-Hospital and Medicaid Study Subcommittee; Rural Fire Departments Study Committee; State Agencies & Governmental Affairs – Senate Constitutional Issues Subcommittee; ALC-Litigation Reports Oversight Subcommittee; Legislative Printing Requirements and Specifications; Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments and Girls State.

In the 89th General Assembly he was chairman of Legislative Facilities and Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) Game & Fish/State Police. He held membership on the following committees: Senate Judiciary; Senate Insurance and Commerce; Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC); Joint Performance Review; Joint Public Retirement and Social Security Programs; Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission Oversight Committee, ALC-Higher Education Subcommittee and Rural Fire Departments Study Committee.

Nationally, Senator Woods works with legislators from around the nation. He is a member of the Health and Human Services Standing Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL); the Energy and Environment Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC); the Communications and Technology Task Force of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) and the Interbranch Affairs Committee of the Council of State Governments (CSG).

In 2006, Woods was elected to the Arkansas House of Representatives, where he served three consecutive terms. During his tenure, Woods supported and passed legislation creating the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank (Act 695 of 2007); amending the state constitution to ensure the right to hunt, fish, trap and harvest wildlife (SJR 3 of 2009); and establishing the Office of Health Information Technology (Act 891 of 2011).

Senator Woods has worked with the Arkansas World Trade Center since 2007. He is a member of Springdale Rotary and Springdale Kiwanis. Senator Woods has been recognized for his public service:

- 2012 Invest In Life Award given by the Arkansas Cord Blood Bank with UAMS
- 2009 Paul Harris Fellow Award
- 2009 Legislator Appreciation Award – Arkansas Municipal League
- Eagle Scout (1995)

Born in Charlotte, North Carolina, he has lived in Arkansas since 1979. He holds two associate degrees from Northwest Arkansas Community College and a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. In his spare time, Senator Woods follows Razorback sports and military history and is an accomplished musician. Senator Woods and his wife Christina reside in Springdale.