

*Biography of*  
**THE HONORABLE DAVID J. SANDERS**  
**ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR**



**CO-CHAIRMAN – ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(ALC) – ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS  
COMMITTEE  
SENATE DISTRICT 15**

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Senator David J. Sanders is serving his first term in the Arkansas Senate and represents District 15, which comprises Conway County and parts of Faulkner, Perry, Pulaski and Van Buren counties. He is co-chairman of the Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) – Administrative Rules and Regulations Committee and the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace Legislative Oversight Committee. He is vice-chairman of Legislative Joint Auditing-Medicaid Subcommittee. In the current 90<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, his memberships include: Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor; Senate Agriculture, Forestry & Economic Development; Joint Performance Review; Senate Efficiency; Legislative Joint Auditing; Legislative Joint Auditing-State Agencies; Joint Budget Committee (JBC); JBC-Personnel; ALC-Charitable, Penal and Correctional Institutions; ALC-Personnel; State & Public School Life & Health Insurance Task Force and the Health Reform Legislative Task Force.

During the 89th General Assembly he was chairman of three committees: Arkansas Legislative (ALC) Review, the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace Legislative Oversight Committee and the Legislative Joint Auditing Medicaid Subcommittee. He held membership on the following committees: Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC); Senate Revenue and Taxation; Senate Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development; Joint Performance Review; Legislative Joint Audit; ALC-Charitable, Penal and Correctional Institutions; ALC Peer and Senate Efficiency.

Regionally and nationally, Senator Sanders works with legislators across the country as a member of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). He serves on the Fiscal Affairs & Government Operations Committee with SLC and on the NCSL Health and Human Services Committee.

Sanders served one term in the House of Representatives during the 88th General Assembly, where he was vice-chairman of the House Public Transportation Committee's Subcommittee on Public Transportation and Rail; a member of the Joint Committee on Energy; and a member of the Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs Committee. He was a non-voting member of the House Revenue and Taxation Committee. In 2011, he sponsored Act 1200 to Enhance the Public Integrity of Certain Regulatory Agencies and Act 204, the Athlete Agent Reform Act. He also sponsored Act 303, the Arkansas Financial Transparency Act of 2011. Sanders was a founding member of the Fayetteville Shale Caucus, now the Legislative Oil and Natural Gas Caucus, and served on the leadership team of the 46-member House Republican Caucus.

Sanders is a proponent of tax reform legislation and voted to lower the sales tax on food, reduce taxes on the purchase of used vehicles and to cut taxes on manufacturers' utility bills. While in the House, Sanders received the Advocate for Justice Award from the Arkansas Prosecuting Attorneys Association for his work to protect Arkansas families from crime.

A native of Walnut Ridge, Sanders has a bachelor's degree from Ouachita Baptist University. He has worked for the state's Office of the Governor and spent six years in the energy services industry. From 2000-2009 he wrote a column published by Stephens Media Group in more than 25 newspapers statewide. He also produced and hosted "Unconventional Wisdom" for the Arkansas Educational Television Network and frequently contributed to the station's "Arkansas Week" program. In 2002, *Arkansas Business* named Sanders one of "40 Under 40," a recognition highlighting the state's future leaders in business and politics. Senator Sanders currently works as the director of institutional advancement for the Arkansas Baptist School System. He is an active member of Little Rock's First Baptist Church, where he is an ordained deacon. He and wife Rebecca, a school teacher, have four sons and one daughter.