

Biography of
THE HONORABLE BILL SAMPLE
ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



CHAIRMAN – ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
SENATE DISTRICT 14

Senator Bill Sample is serving his second term in the Arkansas Senate. Elected in 2010 and re-elected in 2012, he represents District 14, which is comprised of parts of Garland and Saline Counties. He is chairman of the three committees: Senate Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs, Joint Advanced Communications and Information Technology and the ALC-Executive Subcommittee. He is co-chairman of Arkansas Legislative Council. In the current 90th General Assembly, his committee memberships include: Joint Budget Committee (JBC); Senate Revenue and Tax; Senate Efficiency; Joint Public Retirement and Social Security Programs; Legislative Joint Auditing; Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission Oversight Committee; Legislative Joint Auditing-State Agencies; JBC-Peer Review and Economic and Tax Policy. Senator Sample serves as ex-officio on 12 committees and subcommittees.

During the 89th General Assembly, he was chairman of four important committees including: the Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC), the Executive Subcommittee of ALC, Senate Transportation, Technology & Legislative Affairs and Joint Advanced Communications and Information Technology. His committee memberships included: Senate Revenue & Tax; Senate Efficiency; Joint Budget Committee (JBC); Joint Public Retirement & Social Security Programs; JBC-Special Language; Legislative Joint Auditing; Arkansas State Game & Fish commission Oversight Committee; Legislative Joint Auditing-Counties and Municipalities; Governor's Emergency Fund Review and ex officio on eleven committees and subcommittees.

Regionally and nationally, Senator Sample works with legislators nationwide as a member of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC), National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) and the Council of State Governments (CSG).

Sample serves on the Economic Development, Transportation & Cultural Affairs Committee of SLC; the Natural Resources and Infrastructure Standing Committee of NCSL, the Tax & Fiscal Policy Task Force of ALEC and on the Governor Board of CSG. He is a 2013 graduate of the Henry Toll Fellowship Program sponsored by the Conference of State Governments.

During the 88th Legislative Session he served as vice chairman of City, County and Local Affairs Committee and chairman of Joint Legislative Audit Subcommittee on Counties and Municipalities. He also served on the following legislative committees: Legislative Joint Auditing; Senate Revenue and Taxation; Senate Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs; Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials; and Joint Retirement and Social Security. Additionally, he was an alternate to Joint Budget.

In 2004, Senator Sample was elected to the Arkansas House of Representatives and served three consecutive terms. As State Representative for House District 30, he served as chairman of House Public Transportation as well as Boys and Girls State and vice chairman of ALC-Personnel. He held membership on several committees, including Arkansas Legislative Council; House Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development; ALC - Peer; Blue Ribbon Committee on Highway Finance; House Parks and Tourism Subcommittee; and ALC-Policy Making.

In 2013, Sample was named Arkansas Legislator of the Year by the Arkansas Forestry Association and Legislator of the year by the State Chamber of Commerce.

Senator Sample and his wife, Betty Ann, are the former owners of Pestco, Incorporated, a termite and pest control company based in Hot Springs. After 35 years of ownership and service to the community, they sold the company. The Samples have two daughters.