

Biography of

# THE HONORABLE TRENT GARNER

## ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



### 92<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly Committee Assignments

**Chair** - LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING-STATE AGENCIES

**Vice-Chair** - STATE AGENCIES & GOVT'L AFFAIRS-SENATE

**Member of** - REVENUE & TAX - SENATE; JOINT PERFORMANCE REVIEW - SENATE;  
LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING; LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE;  
SENATE RULES, RESOLUTIONS & MEMORIALS

**Alternate:**ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (ALC)

**Alternate:**ALC-CLAIMS REVIEW

**Alternate:**ALC-GAME & FISH/STATE POLICE

**Alternate:**ALC-REVIEW

**Alternate:**ALC-PEER

**Alternate:**ALC-HIGHER EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

**Alternate:**ALC-ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

**Alternate:**ALC-LOTTERY OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE

**Alternate:**ALC-EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

**Alternate:**ALC-OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

**Alternate:**ALC-POLICY MAKING

**Alternate:**ALC-PERSONNEL

**Alternate:**ALC-HIGHWAY COMMISSION REVIEW AND ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

**Alternate:**ALC-LITIGATION REPORTS OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE

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**Senator Trent Garner of El Dorado was elected in 2016 to represent District 27 in southern Arkansas. It includes Calhoun County and parts of Cleveland, Grant, Jefferson, Ouachita and Union Counties.**

**An attorney and a native of Magnolia, he was reared in Harmony Grove. He and his wife, Kelly, have a son and a daughter.**

**Senator Garner is a former Special Forces Green Beret who served two tours in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom. His military decorations include a Bronze Star with V device, Combat Infantry Badge and Special Forces Tab.**

**He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and the University of Arkansas Law School, where he graduated with a Juris Doctor and Master of Arts in Political Science.**

**Senator Garner is vice chair of the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs and a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee. He also serves on the Joint Performance Review Committee and the Senate Rules Committee. A member of the Legislative Joint Audit Committee, he chairs its State Agencies Subcommittee.**

**As the Senate co-chair of the Legislative Veterans Caucus, he actively works for measures to improve veterans' services and to streamline their transition from the military into jobs in the private sector. One of his legislative priorities is to lower the disproportionate number of suicides among veterans.**

**In 2019 he co-sponsored legislation to authorize the Adjutant General of the National Guard to remove officers who are unfit or unsuited for military service. He also co-sponsored legislation granting authority to the governor to include using the militia to address cybersecurity threats and vulnerabilities in state information systems.**

**He is an advocate for tort reform, particularly as a tool in the state's overall economic development strategy to recruit industry and create well paid jobs.**

**Senator Garner is a consistent defender of the Second Amendment. In 2019 he co-sponsored Act 188 to reduce by half the application fees for a concealed carry permit and in 2017 he co-sponsored Act 562 to define a person's legal rights to carry firearms on the campuses of public universities and colleges.**