Biography of THE HONORABLE JASON RAPERT ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



CHAIR STATE AGENCIES & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS SENATE DISTRICT 35

Senator Jason Rapert represents Senate District 35, which includes parts of Faulkner and Perry Counties. He was elected to the Senate in 2010 and took the oath of office on the first day of the 2011 legislative session.

Senator Rapert is chair of the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs and a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee. He is also a member of the Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials Committee, the Joint Retirement and Social Security Programs Committee, the Joint Budget Committee, the Legislative Council and the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

Senator Rapert is a past chair of the Senate Committee on Insurance and Commerce and, in which role during the 2019 session he sponsored a series of bills to update regulations governing the insurance industry and modernizing policies at the state Insurance Department.

Senator Rapert has co-sponsored numerous pro-life bills during his tenure in the Arkansas Senate. In 2021 he co-sponsored the strictest anti-abortion law in the United States, Act 309 of 2021. If the U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe vs. Wade, it will abolish abortion in Arkansas.

In 2019 he co-sponsored Act 180, the Human Life Protection Act prohibiting abortion in Arkansas, and Act 493, the Cherish Act to prohibit abortions after 18 weeks of gestation.

Also, Senator Rapert sponsored Act 1088 to set higher standards of accountability and transparency for financial transactions made by the state Treasurer's Office. This reform legislation enhanced the oversight of the State Board of Finance and increased checks and balances related to the Treasurer's Office.

In 2013 Senator Rapert was the lead sponsor of Act 301, the Human Heartbeat Protection Act. It prohibits abortions when the physician can detect a heartbeat using ultrasound at 12 weeks, unless exceptions are met. It is one of the most restrictive antiabortion laws in the United States.

Senator Rapert was the lead Senate sponsor of Act 1450, a proposal by then-Governor Mike Beebe to repeal the state sales tax on groceries as soon as certain state financial obligations are met. Also, he sponsored Act 1213 to place a monument with the Ten Commandments on the grounds of the state Capitol.

He has 20 years' experience in the insurance and financial services industry and owns Providence Financial Group, Inc. He consults in the financial services industry on an as needed basis.

Senator Rapert is an active member of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) and was elected by his peers as treasurer of the NCOIL for 2014-2015 and president in 2017-2018.

Senator Rapert is currently involved, or has formerly been involved, with various organizations including the following:

- Holy Ghost Ministries, Inc., President and Founder
- Rotary International, Member
- The Conway Rotary Club, Past President Conway Rotary awarded him the Rotarian of the Year Award in 2007
- Rotary International District 6170, Past Assistant Governor
- Gideons International, former Vice President
- Conway Christian School Foundation, Board of Directors
- Conway Area Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors
- Conway Symphony Orchestra, Board of Directors
- Faulkner County Leadership Institute, Class of 2002
- Faulkner County Republican Party, Member
- The Republican National Committee, Member
- Arkansas Republican Party Tusk Club, Member
- Future Farmers of America, Alumni Association
- Arkansas Farm Bureau, Member
- Arkansas Cattlemen's Association, Member
- Angus Association, Member
- National Rifle Association, Life Member
- Sanctuary of Hope Church, Ordained Minister
- Christians United For Israel, Member
- Central Arkansas Fiddlers Association, Member Senator

Senator Rapert is the founder and former president of Holy Ghost Ministries, Inc. (HGM), a faith based humanitarian mission providing clean water and assistance to the poor and the orphans of Ghana, Uganda and the Philippines.

He and his wife, Laurie, attended the University of Central Arkansas at Conway. While at UCA he served on the Student Judicial Board and served as a Congressional intern in the office of former Second Congressional District Representative Ray Thornton.