

Biography of
THE HONORABLE MATT MCKEE
ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



VICE CO-CHAIR JOINT ENERGY COMMITTEE
SENATE DISTRICT 6

Senator Matt McKee was elected to the Senate in 2022 and was sworn on January 9, 2023. He represents District 6, which includes parts of Garland and Saline Counties.

Senator McKee is Senate vice chair of the Joint Energy Committee. He is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senate Insurance and Commerce Committee, the Joint Retirement and Social Security Committee, the Joint Budget Committee, the Legislative Council and the Legislature Joint Auditing Committee. He is a member of the Legislative Facilities Committee.

During the 94th General Assembly, Senator McKee sponsored legislation to prohibit anyone who commits fraud to collect unemployment insurance from being eligible for unemployment benefits for 10 years.

He also co-sponsored legislation to make it easier for homeschool students to participate in after school activities outside of their public school district. Senator McKee was the lead sponsor of a law that requires energy produced from biomass to be considered carbon neutral. Biomass is residue from harvesting timber and agricultural crops, and from process wastewater. He also sponsored legislation to prohibit election officials from accepting funds, grants or gifts other than from the governing authority for which the official works.

Senator McKee was a Garland County Justice of the Peace from 2009 through 2022. He has been the chair for the Garland County Quorum Court Finance Committee, chair of the Garland County Quorum Court Environmental Services Committee and chair of the Public Works and Buildings Committee. Senator McKee served as chairman of the Republican Party of Garland County from 2015 through 2022.

Senator McKee was born in Gunnison, Colorado and moved to Hot Springs in 2002. He is a licensed residential remodeler. Senator McKee and his wife, Nikki, live in Percy and have four daughters.