

*Biography of*  
**THE HONORABLE DENNY ALTES**  
**ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR**



**CHAIRMAN - JOINT PERFORMANCE REVIEW**  
**SENATE DISTRICT 13**

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Senator Denny Altes has represented Senate District 13 since 2003 and is serving his second consecutive term. His district comprises the majority of the City of Fort Smith. Currently, Senator Altes serves as chairman of Joint Performance Review (JPR) and vice chairman of Peer Committee of Arkansas Legislative Council.

Senator Altes is a member of several committees and subcommittees, including the Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC); Joint Budget; ALC Review; Senate Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs; Senate Revenue and Tax; Senate Insurance and Commerce; Senate Advanced Communications and Information Technology; and Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials. His subcommittees include the ALC Hospital and Medicaid Study Subcommittee and the ALC Litigation Reports Oversight Subcommittee.

During the 87th General Assembly, he was the lead sponsor of Act 423 of 2009, which requires the chemical testing of individuals involved in automobile accidents where a death has occurred or is likely to occur, and Act 361 of 2009, which requires the State Board of Health to allow rainwater harvested from systems to be used for non-potable purposes. Senator Altes is involved with several organizations on the local, state and national level. He is active with the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and is a member of the Agricultural and Energy Committee and the Communications, Financial Services and Interstate Commerce Standing Committee. He is also active with the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) and serves on the Natural Resources Task Force.

Additionally, he holds membership on the Council of State Governments (CSG) Energy and Environmental Task Force, the CSG Fiscal Affairs and Government Operations Committee, the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) Energy and Environment Committee, the Energy Council and the Southern States Energy Board.

Before the start of his legislative career, Senator Altes served as Justice of the Peace for Sebastian County Quorum Court. In January 1999, he won a special election to serve the remainder of former State Representative W.K. "Mac" McGehee's term in the Arkansas House of Representatives. In 2000, he sought re-election unopposed for House District 14. In 2002, Senator Altes ran for the vacated District 13 Senate seat and was re-elected in 2006. In the 86th General Assembly, he served as Senate Minority Leader and Assistant President Pro Tempore.

Civically, Senator Altes has been active with many organizations such as the Fort Smith Jaycees, Rotary Club International as a Paul Harris Fellow, Noon Exchange Club, Christian Business Men's Committee, Western Arkansas Regional Solid Waste Planning Board, Eastern Oklahoma Development District Solid Waste Task Force, National Solid Waste Management Association, National Truck Body Dealer Association and the National Hot Rod Association. He is also a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, a board member at the Specialty Equipment Manufacturers Association and director at the Heartland Institute. He is a past member of the Republican Party Tusk Club and also the Executive Committee. While in elected office, Senator Altes has received numerous honors and awards for his leadership and community service, including:

- 2009 Arkansas Municipal League, Distinguished Legislator Award
- 2005 Arkansas Realtors Association, Senator of the Year
- 2005 Professional Towing Association, Support and Leadership Award
- 2003 National Rifle Association, Defender of the Constitution Award
- Arkansas Osteopathic Medicine Association, Friend of AOMA Award
- Republican Party of Arkansas, Reagan Award

He has also been recognized by the Arkansas Nurses Association and the American Heart Association.

A lifelong resident of Fort Smith, Senator Altes graduated first in his class at Southside High School in Fort Smith before attending Arkansas Tech University. In college, he was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was stationed in Panmunjom, Korea, where he served in the military police. Upon his return he completed a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and later attended graduate school at the University of Mississippi and the University of Arkansas. Today he serves as a proud life member of the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans.

In 1974, Senator Altes founded Altes Company and Environmental Systems and served as president. From 1982 until 2007, he was president and CEO of Resourect Recycling Incorporated, which merged with Fibresource Incorporated in 1991. He and his wife, Susan, have two children, Bobby and Ana, and two grandchildren, Cole and Caroline. Senator Altes and his wife are members of First Baptist Church in Fort Smith, where he serves as a deacon.