

*Biography of*  
**THE HONORABLE JOHN COOPER**  
**ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR**



**SENATE DISTRICT 21**

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Senator John Cooper represents Senate District 21, which comprises portions of Craighead County. Elected by special election in 2014, he is serving his first term in the Arkansas Senate. His committee memberships during the 89th General Assembly include Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor; Senate Insurance and Commerce; Joint Energy; and Senate Efficiency. Nationally, he serves on the Energy Council.

Born in Heber Springs, Senator Cooper enlisted in the United States Army in 1966. He was assigned to Germany, where he received extensive military training in electronics and communications. He is a Vietnam War veteran.

Senator Cooper has been an ordained Baptist minister since 1989, frequently travels and speaks within the ministry, and has pastored several churches. Civically, he is a member of the Farm Bureau and the National Rifle Association.

Senator Cooper retired from AT&T with 35 years of service. During his years with the company, he held a first class FCC license and assisted with transitioning the network from the mechanical age to electronic switching, digital carriers and fiber optic facilities. Senator Cooper and his wife of over 40 years, Betty Sue, have one daughter and one son. The Coopers also have four grandchildren.