

Biography of
THE HONORABLE JANE ENGLISH
ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



CHAIR JOINT PERFORMANCE REVIEW
SENATE DISTRICT 34

Senator Jane English represents Senate District 34, which includes parts of North Little Rock and Pulaski County. She was sworn into the state Senate in January of 2013.

Senator English co-chairs the Joint Performance Review Committee. She serves on the Senate committee of Education, State Agencies and Governmental Affairs and Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs and is a member of the Senate Efficiency Committee, Joint Budget Committee and Arkansas Legislative Council and serves on several different committees.

Senator English has been the chair of the Senate Education Committee since the 90th General Assembly (2015.) She has also served as chair for the Academic Facilities Oversight Committee, co-chair of the Legislative Task Force to study the realignment of higher education, and vice chair of Joint Performance Review (JPR).

Senator English served two terms in the Arkansas House of Representatives from 2009 through the end of 2012. She served as the vice chair of the House committee on City, County and Local Affairs and the House subcommittee on Public Transportation and Rail.

Senator English is known for her work to benefit military veterans and to promote economic development. She was responsible for a major restructuring of the state's job training and adult education system, to give local business leaders more of a voice in the types of classes offered to students.

Senator English was among the legislators who pushed strongly for a new nursing home for veterans when the previous facility in Little Rock was closed. The new residential home is in North Little Rock.

A native of Lincoln, Nebraska, Senator English graduated from Arkansas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in Economics/Finance. From 1984 to 1997 she was a Senior Project Manager with the Arkansas Economic Development Commission working to recruit new manufacturing companies into the state and assisting existing companies in their expansion efforts.

From 1997 to 1998 she was the executive director of the Fort Chaffee Public Trust. She was the executive director of the Arkansas Manufacturers Association from 1998 to 2001. From 2001 to 2004 she was the executive director of the Arkansas Workforce Investment Board, a Cabinet position under Governor Mike Huckabee. In 2005, she was an economics/workforce advisor to Lieutenant Governor Winthrop Rockefeller.

She has been married for more than 53 years to retired Army Colonel Don English and they have one son and one daughter.