

Biography of
THE HONORABLE GREG LEDING
ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



**MEMBER OF SENATE EDUCATION / AGRICULTURE,
FORESTRY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
SENATE DISTRICT 4

Senator Greg Leding of Fayetteville represents District 4, which includes parts of Washington County. Cities that are included in District 4 are Fayetteville, Greenland and most of Farmington. His first Senate term began in 2019.

Senator Leding is a member of Senate Education Committee and Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development Committee. He also serves as a member on the Joint Retirement and Social Security Committee, Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth and Joint Budget Committee and Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and serves on several subcommittees.

In the past, Senator Leding served as vice chair of the Senate Committee on City, County and Local Affairs. Before his election to the Senate, he served in the House of Representatives from 2011 through 2018 representing House District 86. Senator Leding was Minority Leader for one term when he was a member of the House. He was co-chair of ALC – Higher Education Subcommittee, vice chair of Insurance and Commerce – House Insurance Subcommittee, chair of Public Health – House Labor and Environment Subcommittee and vice chair of Boy State – House.

During the 2019 legislative session, Senator Leding co-sponsored legislation to raise teacher salaries, to expand insurance coverage for mammograms and breast cancer diagnoses, to promote cottage industries and to raise the minimum legal age for getting married. Senator Leding co-sponsored a wide range of legislation that dealt with increasing teachers' salaries, to improving Arkansas' 911 system, to allow cities to have an entertainment district and to modify the Arkansas Pharmacy Benefits Manager Licensure Act.

In past sessions, Senator Leding has sponsored legislation to give teachers an income tax deduction for buying certain items for their classrooms, mandating training for public school athletic coaches in sudden cardiac arrest and to give students a protection of their personal information online. Senator Leding has passed legislation to help small breweries bring their products to festivals. In 2013, Senator Leding sponsored legislation to strengthen non-smoking rules on medical facilities grounds.

Senator Leding is a member of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and is a member of their executive committee. He is also a member of NCSL's Task Force on Military and Veterans Affairs. The Task Force examine issues affecting military-community relations and the health and well-being of service members, veterans and their families.

Senator Leding is a native of Springdale and graduated from Springdale High School. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas Sam M. Walton College of Business. He works in graphic and web design. He and his wife, Emily, have a daughter and are members of the Catholic Church.