## Biography of THE HONORABLE JOSHUA BRYANT ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



## VICE CO-CHAIR JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE SENATE DISTRICT 32

Senator Joshua Bryant was elected to the Senate in 2022 and was sworn on January 9, 2023. He represents District 32, which includes the eastern third of Benton County and the northeast part of Washington County.

Senator Bryant is Senate vice chair of the Joint Budget Committee. He is a member of the Senate Education Committee, the Senate City, County and Local Affairs, the Senate Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs Committee, Joint Performance Review, Arkansas Legislative Council and Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

Senator Bryant served one term in the Arkansas House of Representatives from 2021 through 2022, when he was on the House Public Transportation Committee and House City, County and Local Affairs Committee.

During the 94<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, Senator Bryant sponsored legislation to allow municipalities to state by resolution if they have a pro-life policy. He was also the lead sponsor of legislation concerning unopposed races on ballots, collecting fees on the behalf of a professional organization from a public school employee and recalculating the parole eligibility for certain violent and sex felonies.

In past sessions, Senator Bryant sponsored bills affecting terms of county elected officers, sealing a felony controlled substance conviction, shipment of liquor and drawing blood in connection with a criminal offense.

Senator Bryant is a graduate from BCCS in Rogers in 1996. After graduation he joined the United States Marine Corps and served five years, reaching the rank of Sergeant. After serving in the U.S.M.C he worked for 12 years for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). In 2014, he joined a construction venture and together with his business partner grew the company into one of the most successful firms in Northwest Arkansas.

Senator Bryant has been married to his wife, Jill, for over 25 years and has two children. They attend Engaged Ministries Church in Lowell.