

Biography of
THE HONORABLE JUSTIN BOYD
ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



VICE CHAIR ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
SENATE DISTRICT 27

Senator Justin Boyd was elected in 2022 to represent District 27, which includes most of Fort Smith in Sebastian County.

Senator Boyd is the Senate vice chair of the Legislative Council and vice chair of the Senate Insurance and Commerce Committee. He is a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, the Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials Committee, the Joint Public Retirement and Social Security Programs Committee, the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and the Task Force on Autism.

Senator Boyd served in the Arkansas House of Representatives from 2015 through 2022. As a House member he served as vice co-chair of the Joint Budget Committee and was a member of the House Insurance and Commerce Committee and the House Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee.

In the 2025 regular session Senator Boyd sponsored Act 427 to create the Strengthen Arkansas Homes Fund, from which homeowners may apply for grants to fortify roofs and strengthen other parts of their residence against tornadoes, hail and wind damage. He also sponsored Act 426 to promote transparency and accountability in online marketplaces, to protect consumers.

In 2023, Senator Boyd sponsored legislation to allow hospital pharmacies to sell medications upon discharge of patients, thus allowing patients to avoid a trip to a separate pharmacy before they returned home. He was the lead Senate sponsor of Act 359 of 2023 that funded the Arkansas Economic Development Commission's feasibility study for a spaceport in Arkansas.

Senator Boyd's legislative priorities include prescription monitoring, and clarifying the authority of pharmacists to prescribe, administer, deliver, distribute or dispense vaccines immunization and medications to treat adverse reactions to vaccines. He has sponsored legislation to require Hepatitis C screening during pregnancy and to increase the capacity of pepper spray and tear gas containers.

Senator Boyd is a Field Agent and Financial Advisor with the Knights of Columbus since 2024. He is a member of NAFIC and has both Fraternal Insurance Counselor (FIC) and Fraternal Insurance Counselor Fellow designations.

Senator Boyd is a co-owner of Coleman Pharmacy and Gibson's Pharmacy in Alma. He has been Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator/Section Manager of Pharmacy Operations for Mercy Hospitals, and Clinical Pharmacist for Washington Regional Medical Center

He earned an Associates Degree from what is now the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith and earned a Doctorate of Pharmacy at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Pharmacy. He earned an MBA at the Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas.

Senator Boyd serves on the board of Project Compassion and the governing board of Methodist Village Senior Living. He is a past president of the Morning Exchange Club.

Senator Boyd has served on the Arkansas Board of Pharmacy. He is a past president of the Arkansas Association of Health Systems Pharmacists and a past board member of the Arkansas Pharmacists Association.

Senator Boyd received the Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award from the Arkansas Pharmacists Association, and in 2022 received the Guy Newcomb Award from the Arkansas Pharmacists Association.

He belongs to the Quality Deer Management Association, the National Wild Turkey Federation and the National Community Pharmacists Association.

A native of Fort Smith, he and his wife Lori have three daughters. He is a member of St. Boniface Church of Fort Smith.