

Biography of
THE HONORABLE EDDIE JOE WILLIAMS
ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



SOUTHERN STATES ENERGY BOARD

Senator Eddie Joe Williams currently serves on the Southern States Energy Board. He was appointed by President Donald J. Trump on November 16, 2017. He was also designated by Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson to serve on the State Government Transformation Advisory Council. Prior to these appointments, he served three terms as an Arkansas State Senator representing Senate District 29, which composed portions of Faulkner, Lonoke, Pulaski and White Counties.

Senator Williams was elected to the Senate in 2010 and re-elected in 2012 and 2016. He was the first-ever elected Senate Republican Majority Leader. As senator, he served as chairman of Senate State Agencies & Governmental Affairs, co-chairman of Economic and Tax Policy and Vice Chairman, Legislative Joint Audit-Counties and Municipalities Subcommittee. Senator Williams also served as an Assistant Pro Tempore for the Arkansas Senate of the 91st General Assembly. His committee memberships included:

- Senate Transportation, Technology & Legislative Affairs
- Senate Rules, Resolutions & Memorials
- Joint Energy
- Joint Budget (JBC)
- Legislative Joint Auditing
- JBC-Special Language
- Girls State
- Joint Advanced Communications and Information Technology

Senator Williams is active in his community in various capacities. He is a member of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas Advisory Council. In past years, he served as a member of the Child Advocate Centers of Arkansas Board of Directors and was an original board member for Lonoke County Safe Haven. He also served on the Cabot Parks and Recreation Board.

He began his career in public service in the city of Cabot with an appointment to the planning commission. At the end of his appointment, he was elected to three consecutive terms on the Cabot City Council. He was elected mayor of Cabot in 2007 and completed his term in December 2010.

Professionally, Senator Williams worked for Union Pacific Railroad for almost 40 years, working his way from laborer to the regional director of transportation, managing daily operations for the eastern division covering Illinois to Louisiana.

Born in Pine Bluff, Williams is married to the former DeLona Rudy, and together they have four daughters and eleven grandchildren.