

*Biography of*  
**THE HONORABLE DENNY ALTES**  
**ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR**



**CHAIRMAN - JOINT PERFORMANCE REVIEW**  
**DISTRICT 13**

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Senator Denny Altes has represented Senate District 13 since 2003 and is serving his second consecutive term. His district is comprised of parts of the majority of Fort Smith. Currently, Senator Altes serves as Chairman of Joint Performance Review (JPR) and Vice Chairman of Peer Committee of Arkansas Legislative Council.

Senator Altes is a member of several committees and subcommittees including Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) Committee; Joint Budget Committee; ALC Review; Senate Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs; Senate Revenue and Tax; Senate Insurance and Commerce; Senate Advanced Communications and Information Technology; and Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials. His subcommittees include ALC Hospital and Medicaid Study Subcommittee and ALC Litigation Reports Oversight Subcommittee.

During the 87th Legislative Session, he was the lead sponsor of Act 423 of 2009, which requires chemical testing of individuals involved in automobile accidents, and Act 361 of 2009, which requires the Arkansas Health Department to acquire and use rainwater in LEED Buildings.

Senator Altes is involved with several organizations on the local, state and national level. He is active with the National Conference of State Legislatures and is a member of the Agricultural and Energy Committee and the Communications, Financial Services and Interstate Commerce Standing Committee. He holds membership on the Council of State Governments Energy and Environmental Task Force, the Fiscal Affairs and Government Operations Committee, and the Energy and Environment Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference. Senator Altes is also active with the Energy Council and the Southern States Energy Board.

Before the start of his legislative career, Senator Altes served as Justice of the Peace for Sebastian County Quorum Court. In January 1999, he won a special election to serve the remainder of former State Representative W.K. "Mac" McGehee's term in the Arkansas House of Representatives. In 2000, he sought re-election unopposed for House District 14. In 2002, Senator Altes ran for the vacated District 13 Senate seat and was re-elected in 2006. In the 86th General Assembly, he served as Senate Minority Leader and Assistant President Pro Tempore.

Civically, Senator Altes has been active with many organizations such as the Fort Smith Jaycees, Rotary Club International Paul Harris Fellow, Noon Exchange Club, Christian Business Men's Committee, Western Arkansas Regional Solid Waste Planning Board, Eastern Oklahoma Development District Solid Waste Task Force, National Solid Waste Management Association, National Truck Body Dealer Association and the National Hot Rod Association. He is also a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association and a Board

member at SEMA (Specialty Equipment Manufacturers Association) and Director at Heartland Institute. He is a member of the Republican Party Tusk Club and also the Executive Committee.

Senator Altes has received numerous honors and awards while in elected office for his leadership and community service, including:

- 2009 Arkansas Municipal League, Distinguished Legislator Award
- 2005 Arkansas Realtors Association, Senator of the Year
- 2005 Professional Towing Association, Support and Leadership Award
- 2003 National Rifle Association, Defender of the Constitution Award
- Arkansas Osteopathic Medicine Association, Friend of AOMA Award
- Republican Party of Arkansas, Reagan Award
- Arkansas Nurses Association, Award
- American Heart Association, Award

A lifelong resident of Fort Smith, Senator Altes graduated first in his class at Southside High School in Fort Smith before attending Arkansas Tech University. In college, he was drafted into the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was stationed in Panmunjom, Korea, where he served in the military police. Upon his return he completed a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and later attended graduate school at the University of Mississippi and the University of Arkansas. Today, he serves as a proud life member of the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans. .

In 1974, Senator Altes founded his own business and was President of Altes Company and Environmental Systems. From 1982 he was President and CEO of Resourect Recycling Incorporated, which was merged with Fibresource Incorporated in 1991. In 2007 Fibresource was sold to a Dallas based company. He and his wife, Susan, have two children, Bobby and Ana, and two grandchildren, Cole and Caroline. They are members of First Baptist Church in Fort Smith, where he serves as a deacon.