

Biography of

THE HONORABLE JONATHAN DISMANG

ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



92nd General Assembly Committee Assignments

Chair - REVENUE & TAX - SENATE

Co-Chair - ALC-HIGHWAY COMMISSION REVIEW AND ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Member - JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE; JBC-ADMINISTRATIVE RULE & REGULATION REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE; JBC-SPECIAL LANGUAGE; ALC-HIGHER EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE; ALC-ADMINISTRATIVE RULES; ALC-OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE; ALC-PERSONNEL; GIRLS STATE; TRANSPORTATION, TECHNOLOGY & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS - SENATE; JOINT PERFORMANCE REVIEW - SENATE; LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING; LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING-STATE AGENCIES; SENATE RULES, RESOLUTIONS & MEMORIALS

ex officio:ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (ALC)

Senator Jonathan Dismang of Searcy has served in the Arkansas legislature since the beginning of the 2009 regular session, after his election to the House of Representatives. After serving two years in the House, he was elected to the Senate in 2010.

Senator Dismang was elected by his colleagues to serve as President Pro Tempore during the 89th General Assembly after the resignation of the previous President. Senator Dismang was then elected President Pro Tem for the 90th General Assembly, and he has been chosen by acclamation to succeed himself as Pro Tem for the 91st General Assembly. Only one other senator in the modern era has been elected twice to be Pro Tem, Senator William Norrell in 1933 and 1935.

Senator Dismang represents Senate District 28, which comprises Prairie County and parts of Arkansas, Lonoke, Monroe, White and Woodruff Counties.

Senator Dismang's leadership abilities were recognized quickly. After his election to the legislature in 2008 from House District 49 he was elected vice chairman of the Freshman Caucus. The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette named him one of the Top Six Freshman to Watch during the 87th General Assembly and the Three Rivers Edition of the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette named him as one of Twenty to Watch.

After his election to the Senate he was named by the Arkansas Realtors Association as Legislator of the Year. He also received the Business Matters Leadership Award from the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce/Associated Industries of Arkansas. In 2014, he was named one of "12 State Lawmakers to Watch" by Governing magazine, a national publication that focuses on state and local government.

In 2015 Senator Dismang was included by Arkansas Business in its "40 Under 40" list of influential, young Arkansans.

Senator Dismang is owner and president of Dismang Consulting Services, LLC, where he provides financial oversight services with an emphasis in real estate.

He has been active in numerous civic organizations, including White County 4-H Foundation, the Rose Bud East Advisory Council, Beebe Chamber of Commerce, Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Searcy Young Professionals Network and the Harding University Presidents Council. He is a member of the board of directors for the Arkansas Children's Advocacy Centers and past chairman of the Arkansas National Association of Royalty Owners.

A native of Maynard, Arkansas, in Randolph County, Senator Dismang graduated with honors from Beebe High School in 1997. He completed his degrees in accounting and economics at Harding University with cum laude distinction.

Senator Dismang has worked in public accounting and as Chief Financial Officer with Whitwell & Ryles Real Estate Investments, LLC, of North Little Rock. In 2008 he began Dismang Consulting Services, LLC, through which he provides financial oversight for a number of companies with emphasis in real estate.

He is married to the former Mandy Staggs and they have two sons. They are members of the Church of Christ.

Senator Dismang chairs the Senate Committee on Revenue and Taxation and is a member of the Senate Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs Committee. He also serves on the Joint Performance Review Committee, the Joint Budget Committee, the Legislative Council and the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.