

Senator Bill Pritchard to Seek Re-Election To State Senate



Bill Pritchard, today announced his candidacy to run for re-election in the Arkansas State Senate representing District 7, that encompasses Springdale, Goshen, Elkins, Johnson, and parts of Tontitown and Fayetteville.

“It was a humbling experience when I was first elected to the legislature, and that feeling has never changed. I am very grateful to have the opportunity to represent Northwest Arkansas for the past 11 years and I look forward to returning to the Senate to continue my work serving my constituents and promoting the conservative values Northwest Arkansas embraces,” Pritchard said.

If re-elected, Pritchard will be #1 in Senate seniority and thus, will be the chairman of the Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee (vice-chair if Republicans are in the minority.) As chair of this committee, Pritchard will be in a position to champion important legislation related to healthcare and businesses of all size in Arkansas.

Prior to his service in the Senate, Senator Pritchard was a three-term representative for District 89. Pritchard says his most prized accomplishment was passage of the Arkansas Drug Court Act during the 2003 regular session. Pritchard, as lead sponsor, successfully ushered the bill through the House and Senate and got it signed into law.

During his 11 years of service in the Arkansas Legislature Pritchard introduced and supported legislation related to student-initiated prayer, ban on partial birth abortion, a constitutional amendment that defined marriage as between one man and one woman, second amendment rights in Arkansas, the right to carry a concealed weapon, funding for drug court participants, senior citizen center grants, alcohol and substance abuse prevention and treatment programs, and drug task force grants. In addition, he sponsored and passed appropriation bills to fund programs such as Northwest Technical Institute, The Schmieding Center and The Springdale Senior Citizen Center.

Throughout his tenure as a state legislator, Pritchard has maintained a perfect attendance record at all regular and special sessions. He currently serves as Co-chair of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, which is the watchdog committee that ensures taxpayer funded dollars are not spent improperly. In addition, Pritchard continues to work on prominent committees, including Joint Budget Committee, Arkansas Legislative Council, the Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee, and the Senate State Agencies and Governmental

Affairs Committee. Having seniority enabled Pritchard to serve on committees that were addressing important issues such as “killing the Fayetteville finger” and preventing the implementation of Obamacare.

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