

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 the city 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 Legislative Council, the Joint Retirement and Social Security Committee and the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

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 94th General Assembly, Senator Boyd sponsored legislation to allow hospital pharmacies to sell medications upon discharge of patients. This allowed patients to avoid going 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.

In past legislature sessions, Senator Boyd sponsored legislation to strengthen the Arkansas prescription monitoring program. He also sponsored bill to allow pharmacists to prescribe, administer, deliver, distribute or dispense vaccines immunization and medications to treat adverse reactions to vaccines. He also 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 pharmacist at Coleman 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 his 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 pursued his education at the Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas and earned his MBA.

He 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 lives there with his wife Lori and his three daughters. He is a member of St. Boniface Church of Fort Smith.