

Biography of
THE HONORABLE JIM PETTY
ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



CO-CHAIR LEGISLATIVE
JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE
SENATE DISTRICT 29

Senator Jim Petty was elected to the Senate in 2022 and was sworn in on the opening day of the 94th General Assembly. He represents District 29, which includes Crawford County and parts of Washington County.

Senator Petty is the Senate co-chair of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and is vice chair of the Senate City, County and Local Affairs Committee. He is a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, the Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth, the Joint Budget Committee and the Arkansas Legislative Council.

During the 94th General Assembly, Senator Petty sponsored legislation to clarify the retention of a DNA sample for a person arrested for a felony. He also sponsored legislation to create an election integrity review process and to amend the law concerning polling sites and location of vote centers.

Senator Petty is a small business owner and a CPA. He is on the executive leadership team of a multi-state real estate firm. Senator Petty has served on several boards and committees with the American Institute of CPAs. He currently serves on the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas Affordable Housing Advisory Board.

Senator Petty actively volunteers at the Boys and Girls Clubs. He received multiple state and national awards for his years of service to the Boys and Girls Clubs.

Senator Petty and his wife, Janet, have been married for more than 35 years and they have lived in Van Buren for over 26 years. They have two adult children and one granddaughter. Senator Petty is an avid runner and has completed in several marathons.