

THIRD FLOOR

Arkansas Senate

Suite 320

501-682-2902 (In Session)

501-682-6107 (Out of Session)

The Arkansas Senate is located at the south end of the third floor. The Senate Gallery, available to the public, is located on the fourth floor. Helpful staff are stationed outside the Senate chamber to assist visitors during session.

While senators are often in the Senate chamber, their offices are scattered throughout the south end of the Capitol.

If you'd like to speak with a senator, ask staff to send a note into the chamber. If the senator is present and available, they should step outside to visit with you.

The Senate generally convenes at 1:00 PM each afternoon unless otherwise specified. A live video stream is available on the Senate website. Note: The Senate seldom meets on Friday.

Learn more at senate.arkansas.gov.

SENATE COMPOSITION AND LEADERSHIP

- **35 Members:** 29 Republicans, 6 Democrats
- **President Pro Tem:** Senator Bart Hester (R-Cave Springs)
- **Majority Leader:** Senator Blake Johnson (R-Corning)
- **Majority Whip:** Senator Ricky Hill (R-Cabot)
- **Minority Leader:** Senator Greg Leding (D-Fayetteville)
- **Minority Whip:** Senator Linda Chesterfield (D-Little Rock)

CONTACT GOVERNOR SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS

The governor's office is on the north end of the second floor. You can also call the office at (501) 682-2345, tweet at her (@SarahHuckabee), or use the contact form found at governor.arkansas.gov. **Always be polite.**

Social media can be another way to engage.

BE POLITE, BRIEF, AND TO THE POINT

Keys to Communicating

Legislators are very busy during session. If the one you need isn't available, don't worry; just be patient.

Here are a few tips for connecting:

- **Let them know you're coming** with a phone call or email (or both) in advance. Include your name, phone number, and the reason you're coming.

- **Be aware of the times committees and the House and Senate meet.** It can be tougher to speak with a legislator during these times, but you might catch them on their way in or out of a meeting. These times are also great opportunities to watch them in action.

- **Be polite, be brief, and to the point.** Legislators are more likely to listen, and they'll appreciate your concern for their time.

- If you're concerned about a specific bill, know the bill number (ex. HB1001, SB1). If possible, have a copy of the bill with you.

- **Leave them with something**—a card, a note, a one-page brief about your position. Include your contact information.

- **Follow up.** Call, send a note, or email. Restate your name and concern, and thank the legislator for their time. Make sure legislators know you'll continue to follow their actions on the issue.

- **Stay in frequent, regular contact.** If legislators vote with you, thank them. If they don't, politely express your disappointment.

- **Always be polite and show respect.** They might not be on your side now, but you never know when you might be able to win their support—so keep the relationship going.

Follow all posted guidelines and staff requests.

2023 REGULAR SESSION

Determined Constituent GUIDE TO THE ARKANSAS STATE CAPITOL

The 94th General Assembly convenes on Monday, January 9, 2023. During session, the legislature generally meets Monday through Thursday.

The Arkansas State Capitol is located at 500 Woodlane Street, Little Rock, AR, 72201. The Capitol is open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM on weekdays. Parking and other information is available at sos.arkansas.gov.

Finding Your Way Around

All visitors must go through security. **Elevators** are found on the east side of the building. Public Wi-Fi is available throughout most of the Capitol.

Basement: 500 Grill, **restrooms**

First Floor: ATM, Capitol Police, and press offices (east lobby), gift shop and post office (rotunda), **restrooms**, House and Senate committee rooms, Commissioner of State Lands, Legislative Audit

Second Floor: Senate committee rooms, Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Secretary of State John Thurston, Auditor Dennis Milligan, Treasurer Mark Lowery, Lieutenant Governor Leslie Rutledge, Old Supreme Court Room (OSC)

Third Floor: House (north end) and Senate (south end) chambers, Senate committee rooms, public seating, snack stand (east side), vending (west side)

Fourth Floor: House and Senate galleries

Find a schedule and more at www.arkleg.state.ar.us.

THIRD FLOOR

Arkansas House

Suite 350

501-682-6211 (In Session)

501-682-7771 (Out of Session)

The Arkansas House of Representatives is located on the north end of the third floor. The House Gallery, available to the public, is located on the fourth floor. During session, look for a “Red Coat” guide—helpful staff stationed outside the chamber—if you need help.

While House members are often in the House chamber, their individual offices are located throughout the Capitol.

If you'd like to speak with a legislator, ask a Red Coat to send a note into the chamber. If the legislator is inside and is free to speak, they should step outside to visit with you.

The House generally convenes at 1:00 PM each afternoon unless otherwise specified. A live video stream is available on the House website.

Learn more at arkansashouse.org.

HOUSE FAST FACTS

- **100 Members:** 82 Republicans, 18 Democrats
- **Speaker:** Rep. Matthew Shepherd (R-El Dorado)
- **Speaker Pro-Tempore:** Rep. Jon Eubanks (R-Paris)
- **Majority Leader:** Rep. Marcus Richmond (R-Harvey)
- **Majority Whip:** Rep. Jon Milligan (R-Lake City)
- **Minority Leader:** Rep. Tippi McCullough (D-Little Rock)
- **Minority Whip:** Rep. Vivian Flowers (D-Pine Bluff)

SEND A MESSAGE TO MEMBERS

Call the in-session phone numbers for the chambers to leave a message for a legislator. Staff will place the message on their desk. A stack of them can send a real message.

Are your state lawmakers on social media?

FIRST FLOOR AND “BIG MAC” B

House Standing Committees

The House has 10 standing committees split into five “A” and five “B” committees. Unless otherwise specified, “A” committees meet at 10:00 AM Tuesday and Thursday, while “B” committees meet at 10:00 AM Wednesday. Note that committees can (and often do) meet at other times, particularly near the end of session.

If you wish to speak at a committee hearing, you must sign in. Ask staff for guidance.

Eight House committees meet on the north end of the first floor of the Capitol. Two committees meet in Room B on the fifth floor of the Multi-Agency Complex located immediately to the west of the Capitol. The building is referred to as “Big MAC”.

The House livestreams all committee meetings. You can watch at arkansashouse.org.

HOUSE STANDING “A” COMMITTEES

Education	Rm 138
Judiciary	Rm 149
Revenue and Taxation	Rm 151
Public Health, Welfare, and Labor	Rm 130
Public Transportation	“Big MAC” B

HOUSE STANDING “B” COMMITTEES

Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative, and Military Affairs	Rm 130
Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development	Rm 138
City, County, and Local Affairs	“Big MAC” B
Insurance and Commerce	Rm 149
State Agencies and Governmental Affairs	Rm 151

Always check the schedule before traveling!

FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD FLOORS

Senate Standing Committees

Senate standing committees differ from the House. In addition to four “A” and four “B” committees, there’s one “C” committee. Unless otherwise specified, “A” committees meet at 10:00 AM Wednesday, “B” committees meet at 10:00 AM Tuesday and Thursday, and the “C” committee meets at noon Monday. Committees can (and often do) meet at other times, particularly near the end of session.

If you wish to speak at a committee hearing, you must sign in. Ask staff for guidance.

Senate committees meet on the south end of the Capitol. Two committees meet in the Old Supreme Court (OSC) on the second floor.

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SENATE STANDING “A” COMMITTEES

Education	Rm 207
Judiciary	Rm 171
Revenue and Tax	OSC
Public Health, Welfare, and Labor	Rm 272

SENATE STANDING “B” COMMITTEES

Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development	Rm 309
City, County, and Local Affairs	Rm 272
Insurance and Commerce	Rm 171
State Agencies and Governmental Affairs	OSC

SENATE STANDING “C” COMMITTEE

Transportation, Technology, and Legislative Affairs	Rm 309
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