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John Burris

John Burris is a former Republican member of the Arkansas House of Representatives, representing District 98 from 2009 to 2015. Burris served as State House Minority Leader from 2010 to 2014.

Burris was a 2014 Republican candidate for District 17 of the Arkansas State Senate.

John Burris

Republican Party

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Arkansas House of Representatives District 98

Personal	
Religion	Christian Baptist
Profession	Long-Term Replacement Teacher

Biography

Burris' professional experience includes working as a long-term replacement teacher.[1]

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Committee assignments

2013-2014

At the beginning of the 2013 legislative session, Burris served on the following committees:

Arkansas committee assignments, 2013 [hide]

- Public Health, Welfare and Labor, Chair
- Joint Budget
- City, County and Local Affairs
- Rules
- Management
- Joint Energy, Alternate

2011-2012

In the 2011-2012 legislative session, Burris served on these committees:

Arkansas committee assignments, 2011 [show]

2009-2010

In the 2009-2010 legislative session, Burris served on these committees:

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Issues

Sponsored legislation

Burris' sponsored legislation includes:

- HB 1275 - "THE IRON HENSON EMPLOYER FAIRNESS ACT."
- HB 1850 - "TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT."
- HB 1866 - "AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE ALLOWANCE FOR FURNISHING BOARD, LODGING, APPAREL, ETC., UNDER THE MINIMUM WAGE LAW."

For a full listing of sponsored bills, see the House site#.

Healthcare Exchanges

As of 2013, Burris is a member of the Arkansas Legislative Council, a joint committee of state senators and representatives which, among other duties, meets in the interim between legislative sessions.[2] At the Council's December 21 meeting, he moved to separate the federal government's $18.4 million grant to Arkansas for healthcare exchanges from a larger report. The grant was for funding a partnership healthcare exchange between the federal and Arkansas governments. His motion would have allowed further discussion and a separate vote on the grant, but Burris was defeated 29-17 in a largely party-line vote. Burris argued the Council's refusal denied Republicans the "courtesy" of a separate debate on the exchange funds.[3][4] Commentator Nic Horton of the Arkansas Project suggested that the 17 Republicans voting for Burris's motion wanted the state to implement a federal healthcare exchange, an alternative to the hybrid state-federal partnership exchange.[5] The conservative/libertarian Advance Arkansas Institute, which sponsors the Arkansas Project, had previously called for Arkansas to adopt a federal exchange instead of the state partnership supported by the Arkansas Legislative Council.[6] The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provisionally approved Arkansas' application to organize the partnership healthcare exchange on January 3, but Burris told the Associated Press that he expects the newly Republican-controlled Arkansas legislature to consider adopting a federal exchange instead of the partnership.[7]

Elections

2014

See also: Arkansas State Senate elections, 2014

Elections for the Arkansas State Senate took place in 2014. A primary election took place on May 20, 2014; a runoff election took place on June 10, 2014. The general election was held on November 4, 2014. The signature filing deadline for candidates wishing to run in this election was March 3, 2014. Scott Flippo, John Burris and David Osmon faced off in the Republican primary. Because no candidate received more than 50 percent of the vote, the top two vote-getters - Flippo and Burris - met in a runoff election on June 10, which Flippo won. Flippo was unchallenged in the general election.[8][9][10]

Arkansas State Senate, District 17 Republican Primary, 2014 [Collapse]

CANDIDATE	VOTE %	VOTES
✔John Burris	42.6%	3,785
✔Scott Flippo	41.9%	3,722
David Osmon	15.5%	1,373
Total Votes		**8,880**

Arkansas State Senate, District 17 Runoff Republican Primary, 2014 [Collapse]

CANDIDATE	VOTE %	VOTES
✔Scott Flippo	51.3%	3,920
John Burris	48.7%	3,716
Total Votes		**7,636**

2012

See also: Arkansas House of Representatives elections, 2012

Burris ran for re-election in the 2012 election for Arkansas House of Representatives, District 98. Burris ran unopposed in the May 22 Republican primary and ran unchallenged in the November 6, 2012, general election as well.[11][12][13]

2010

See also: Arkansas House of Representatives elections, 2010

Burris won re-election to the 85th District seat in 2010. He faced no opposition.[14]

2008

On November 4, 2008, Burris won election to the 85th District Seat in the Arkansas House of Representatives, defeating opponent Bill Witty (D).[15]

Burris raised $46,333 for his campaign, while Witty raised $29,953.[16]

Arkansas State House, District 85 (2008)

Candidates	Votes
✔ John Burris (R)	6,870
Bill Witty (D)	5,278

Campaign donors

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John Burris campaign contribution history [hide]

Year	Office	Result	Contributions
2012	Arkansas State House, District 98	✔	$36,136
2010	Arkansas State House, District 85	✔	$15,700
2008	Arkansas State House, District 85	✔	$46,333
Grand total raised			**$98,169**

Source: (FTM Follow the Money)

2012

Burris won re-election to the Arkansas House of Representatives in 2012. During that election cycle, Burris raised a total of **$36,136**.

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Arkansas House of Representatives 2010 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

2008

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Arkansas House of Representatives 2008 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

Scorecards

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2014

In 2014, the Arkansas General Assembly was in session from February 10 to March 20.

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Footnotes

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Preceded by Donna Hutchinson (R)	Arkansas House District 98 2013-2015	Succeeded by Ron McNair (R)
Preceded by -	Arkansas House District 85 2005-2013	Succeeded by David Whitaker (D)

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