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David Baria

David Baria (Democratic Party) was a member of the Mississippi House of Representatives, representing District 122. He assumed office in 2012 and left office in January 2024.[1]

Baria (Democratic Party) ran for election to the U.S. Senate to represent Mississippi. He lost in the general election on November 6, 2018.

Baria is a former member of the Mississippi Senate, representing District 46 from 2008 to 2012.

David Baria
Democratic Party
Mississippi House District 122
Mississippi House of Representatives District 122
Elections and appointments
Last election November 6, 2018
Education
Bachelor's Southern Illinois University, Mississippi
Law Mississippi College School of Law, Mississippi
Personal
Religion Christian
Profession Attorney
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Biography

David Baria earned his B.S. from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1987 and his J.D. from the University of Mississippi in 1990. His career experience includes working as an attorney and CEO of Rhino Construction.

Committee assignments

2019-2020

Baria was assigned to the following committees:

- House Appropriations Committee
- Ethics Committee
- Judiciary B Committee
- House Universities and Colleges Committee
- Youth and Family Affairs Committee

2015 legislative session

At the beginning of the 2015 legislative session, Baria served on the following committees:

Mississippi House of Representatives, 2015[2][3]
Agriculture
Ethics
Judiciary A
Judiciary En Banc
Marine Resources
Ports, Harbors and Airports

2012-2013

During the 2012-2013 legislative session, Baria served on the following committees:

Mississippi committee assignments, 2012-2013
None

2010-2011

During the 2010-2011 legislative session, Baria served on the following committees:

Mississippi committee assignments, 2010-2011
None

Sponsored legislation

The following table lists bills sponsored by this legislator. Bills are monitored by BillTrack50 and sorted by action date. Click "+" to view a bill's actions. Click "+" to view a bill's sponsors. To see all bills sponsored by this person, click on the legislator's name in the title of the table.

Bills Sponsored By: David Baria

HB HB1324 - Appropriations; Transportation, Dept. of
An Act Making An Appropriation From Special Funds In The State Treasury For The Purpose Of Defraying The Expenses Of The Mississippi Department Of Transportation, For The Fiscal Year 2020, And For Related Purposes.
HB1324(H) Approved by Governor

HB HB1325 - Appropriations; Public Employees' Ret.
An Act Making An Appropriation From Special Funds In The State Treasury For The Purpose Of Defraying The Administrative Expenses Of The Board Of Trustees Of The Public Employees' Retirement System And For The

Elections

2019

See also Mississippi House of Representatives elections, 2019

David Baria did not file to run for re-election.

2018

See also United States Senate election in Mississippi, 2018

General election

General election for U.S. Senate Mississippi

Incumbent Roger Wicker defeated David Baria, Danny Bedwell, Paul Gronman, Shawn O'Hara, Rhonda Sneed and Tony Ross in the general election.

	Candidate	%	Votes
✓	**Roger Wicker** (R)	54.4	567,529
	David Baria (D)	43.7	455,767
	Danny Bedwell (L)	1.2	12,561
	Shawn O'Hara (Reform Party)	0.6	6,048

Incumbents in **bold** and underlined. The results have been certified. Source

Total votes: 1,042,905
Turnout: 38.8%

✓ Candidate completed the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey.
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Democratic primary runoff election

Democratic primary runoff for U.S. Senate Mississippi

David Baria defeated Howard Sherman in the Democratic primary runoff for U.S. Senate Mississippi on June 26, 2018.

	Candidate	%	Votes
✓	David Baria	54.3	44,206
	Howard Sherman	45.7	37,149

Source

Total votes: 81,355

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Democratic primary election

Democratic primary for U.S. Senate Mississippi

Howard Sherman defeated David Baria in the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate Mississippi on June 5, 2018.

	Candidate	%	Votes
✓	Howard Sherman	51.1	27,957
✓	David Baria	48.9	27,244
	Omera Scott	19.7	21,279
	Victor Maurice Jr.	7.9	8,561
	Jennie Gerard	3.1	3,350
	Jensen Bohren	1.8	2,825

Source

Total votes: 87,916

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Republican primary election

Republican primary for U.S. Senate Mississippi

Roger Wicker defeated Richard Boyanton in the Republican primary for U.S. Senate Mississippi on June 5, 2018.

	Candidate	%	Votes
✓	**Roger Wicker**	94.4	190,016
	Richard Boyanton	5.6	27,052

Incumbents in **bold** and underlined. The results have been certified. Source

Total votes: 217,068

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2015

See also Mississippi House of Representatives elections, 2015

Elections for the Mississippi House of Representatives took place in 2015. A primary election was held on August 4, 2015. The general election took place on November 3, 2015. The signature filing deadline for candidates wishing to run in the primary was March 6, 2015. Baria ran unopposed in the Democratic primary and defeated Republican candidate Dorothy Wilcox in the November 3 general election.[4]

Baria said he decided to run for House in order to have more of an impact as a legislator: "The power in the Legislature is in the House and I want to be a part of that process. I want to be a part of the decision-making process. People who know me will tell you I am not a back-bencher. I am because I want to go to Jackson and effectuate some changes, particularly in insurance and how we handle insurance claims," he stated.[5]

Mississippi House of Representatives, District 122 General Election, 2015

Party	Candidate	Vote %	Votes
Democratic	✓**David Baria**	53.2%	3,222
Republican	Dorothy Cameron Wilcox	46.8%	2,835
	Total Votes		**6,153**

2011

See also Mississippi House of Representatives elections, 2011

On November 8, 2011, Baria was elected to District 122 of the Mississippi House of Representatives. He ran unopposed in the August 2 primary and defeated Republican candidate Dorothy Wilcox in the November 8 general election.[6]

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Mississippi House of Representatives, District 122 General Election, 2011

Party	Candidate	Vote %	Votes
Democratic	✓**David Baria**	58.6%	3,522
Republican	Dorothy Cameron Wilcox	41.4%	2,489
	Total Votes		**6,011**

2007

See also Mississippi State Senate elections, 2007

On November 6, 2007, David Baria ran for District 46 of the Mississippi State Senate, beating James Overstreet.[8]

David Baria raised $214,158 for his campaign.[9]

Mississippi Senate, District 46

Candidates	Votes	Percent
✓David Baria (D)	9,677	77%
James Overstreet (L)	2,751	23%

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Campaign themes

2018

Campaign website

Baria's campaign website stated the following:[10]

> **Consumer Protection**
> During my time in the Mississippi legislature, I have been one of the leading advocates for Mississippi consumers. While in the Senate, I authored an amendment to prevent power companies from charging customers for the cost of lobbying the Legislature. While in the House, I authored a failed, yet well-intentioned, amendment to prevent well-funded and connected lobbyists from using the state and ratepayers millions of dollars with no appreciable benefit.
> I also sponsored the Insurance Protection Act which, in spite of pullback protections that were ultimately adopted by the Mississippi Insurance Department, I worked to institute a hurricane deductible that would have required insurance companies to pay hurricane deductibles when business owners sought their homes and offices in a way that was more and resilient than before. While insurance issues remain, these efforts have helped attract more companies to Mississippi and today, more companies write policies on the Coast than when I took office.
> If elected to the United States Senate, I will oppose any effort to weaken the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the watchdog agency established in the aftermath of the 2007 financial crisis.

2011

Campaign website

Baria's campaign website stated the following:[11]

- "Holding Government Accountable Transparency In Action"
- "Making insurance insurance more affordable"
- "Leading tourism recovery for Mississippi Gulf Coast"
- "Ethics Reform Now, Not Later"
- "Helping our waterfront industry fortifying BP accountable"
- "Dedicated to continuing Hurricane Katrina recovery"

Campaign donors

2011

In 2011, Baria received $20,267 in campaign donations. The top contributors are listed below.[12]

Mississippi House of Representatives 2011 election Campaign contributions

Donor	Amount
Associated General Contractors	$1,000
Capitol Advocacy Group	$1,000
Hospital Marine & Hull Insurance	$1,000
Alpine Construction	$1,000

Scorecards

See also State legislator scorecards and State legislature scorecards in Mississippi

A scorecard evaluates a legislator's voting record. Its purpose is to inform voters about the legislator's political ideology. Scorecards are a tool for organizations to communicate which legislators they consider supporters and opponents of their cause. For example, an advocacy group might scorecard a bill, assign a legislator a score of one out of five, and then use the newspaper's scorecard may evaluate the voting record in its entirety.

Ballotpedia is the premier source for developing and encyclopedic list of published scorecards. Some states have a limited number of available scorecards or scorecards produced only by select groups. It is Ballotpedia's goal to incorporate all available scorecards regardless of the ideology or motivation.

Click here for an overview of legislative scorecards in all 50 states. To contribute to the list of Mississippi scorecards, email suggestions to editorial@ballotpedia.org.

2020

In 2020, the Mississippi State Legislature was in session from January 7 to October 10. The session was suspended effective July 1, 2020. It had been previously suspended from March 26 to May 11. The session recommenced from August 10 to October 2.

- Business and Industry Political Education Committee[13]

Legislators are scored on their votes on bills related to business and economic issues.

- The American Cause

Legislators are scored on their votes on conservative issues.

2019

To view all the scorecards we found for this legislator in 2019, click [show].

2018

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2017

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2016

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2015

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2014

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Personal

Note: Please contact us if the personal information below requires an update. Baria and his wife, Marcia, have three children.

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- Mississippi state legislative districts
- United States Senate
- United States Senate election in Mississippi, 2018

External links

- Search Google News for this topic
- Campaign Facebook
- Profile from Open States
- Legislative profile on Project Vote Smart
- Biography on Project Vote Smart
- Campaign Contributions: 2018, 2017

Footnotes

1. Mississippi Secretary of State, "2023 Elections Calendar," accessed December 2, 2019
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3. Sam Hewitt, "Baria, Wilcox battle for Hancock County House seat," October 23, 2014
4. Mississippi Secretary of State, "Mississippi State Senate official election results for 2007," accessed April 2, 2015
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6. Note: This data is based on campaign finance reports that candidates for office are required to file. Only the first five references on this page are shown above. Click to show more.

Political offices

Preceded by	Mississippi House of Representatives District 122 2012-2024	Succeeded by
Joseph Compretta		Brent Anderson (R)
Preceded by	Mississippi State Senate District 46 2008-2012	Succeeded by
		Philip Moran

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State of Mississippi [show]
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