Engaging Legislative Champions for IDA Authorization in Mississippi

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How to Engage Legislative Champions

• Analyze legislature (party and committee structure)
  – Gather information about legislators
• Develop policy strategy
Step One: Analyze Legislature

- Which party is in majority in the House and the Senate?

- Which legislators represent you?

- Which legislators serve on committees relevant to your policy interests?

- Which legislators have introduced bills relevant to your interests?
Information To Gather About Legislators

• … population mix by race/ethnicity in their districts
• … needs in the districts of legislators
• … previously sponsored relevant legislation
• … personal and professional connections
• … information about legislators from other kindred organizations
Step Two: Develop Policy Strategy

Based on analysis of legislature, decide:

• … which legislators to engage and,
• … how to generate support around the state and across party lines for your issue
Factors for Selecting Potential Champions for IDA Authorization

• District Socio-Demographics
• Committee Membership
• Political Ideology
• Statewide Geographic Representation
Where do the Poorest Mississippians Live?

Percent of People in Poverty by County (2010)
IDA Authorization: Potential Champions (House)
IDA Authorization: Relevant Committees

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- Banking and Financial Services
- Municipalities
- Public Health and Human Services
- Ways and Means
- Youth and Family Affairs
# IDA Programs: Mississippi House Legislation 2012 and 2013

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IDA Authorization: Relevant House Committee (Banking and Financial Services)

**Banking and Financial Services Committee**

Henry Zuber III [R-113] *Chair*
Joey Hood [R-35] *Vice Chair*
William Tracy Arnold [R-3]
Kimberly Campbell Buck [D-72]
Lester Carpenter [R-1]
Mary H. Coleman [D-65]
Casey Eure [R-116]
Andy Gipson [R-77]
Jeffrey S. Guice [R-114]
Nolan Mettetal [R-10]
Bobby Moak [D-53]
Ray Rogers [R-61]
Gary V. Staples [R-88]
Jerry R. Turner [R-18]
Adrienne Wooten [D-71]

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IDA Authorization: Relevant House Committee (Municipalities)

**Committee on Municipalities**
Edward Blackmon, Jr. [D-57] *Chair*
David W. Myers [D-98] *Vice Chair*
Gene Alday [R-25]
Mark Baker [R-74]
Lester Carpenter [R-1]
Linda F. Coleman [D-29]
William C. “Bill” Denny [R-64]
Oscar Denton [D-55]

Deborah Butler Dixon [D-63]
Michael T. Evans [D-43]
Eugene Forrest Hamilton [R-6]
Gregory Holloway [D-76]
Rita Martinson [R-58]
Margaret Rogers [R-14]
Randy Rushing [R-78]
Greg Snowden [R-83]
Tom Weathersby [R-62]
IDA Authorization: Relevant House Committee
(Public Health and Human Services)

Committee on Public Health and Human Services
Sam C. Mims, V [R-97] Chair
Toby Baker [R-74] Vice Chair
Brian Aldrige [R-67]
Chris Brown [R-20]
Cecil Brown [D-66]
Kimberly Campbell Buck [D-72]
Bryant W. Clark [D-47]
Mary H. Coleman [D-65]
Carolyn Crawford [R-121]
Becky Currie [R-92]
Dennis DeBar, Jr. [R-105]
James “Jim” Evans [D-70]
Eugene Forrest Hamilton [R-6]
John W. Hines, Sr. [D-50]
Joey Hood [R-35]
Kevin Horan [D-24]
Bobby B. Howell [R-46]
Mac Huddleston [R-15]
Hank Lott [R-101]
Brad Mayo [R-12]
Tom Miles [D-75]
Bobby Moak [D-53]
Brent Powell [R-59]
John Read [R-112]
Randy Rushing [R-78]
Bobby Shows [R-89]
Jeffrey C. Smith [R-39]
Linda Whittington [D-34]
Sonya Williams-Barnes [D-119]

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IDA Authorization: Relevant House Committee (Ways and Means)

Committee on Ways and Means
Jeffrey C. Smith [R-39] Chair
Ray Rogers [R-61] Vice Chair
Brian Aldrige [R-67]
Mark Baker [R-74]
Edward Blackmon, Jr. [D-57]
Chris Brown [R-20]
Credell Calhoun [D-68]
Gary Chism [R-37]
Dennis DeBar, Jr. [R-105]
Tyrone Ellis [D-38]
James “Jim” Evans [D-70]
Mark Formby [R-108]
Andy Gipson [R-77]
Eugene Forrest Hamilton [R-6]
Esther Harrison [D-41]
D. Stephen Holland [D-16]
Stephen A. “Steve” Horne [R-81]

John Thomas Lamar III [R-8]
Sherra Hillman Lane [D-86]
Bennett Malone [D-45]
Rita Martinson [R-58]
Brad Mayo [R-12]
Bobby Moak [D-53]
Alex Monsour [R-54]
Ken Morgan [R-100]
Randall Patterson [D-115]
Thomas U. Reynolds [D-33]
Omeria Scott [D-80]
Ferr Smith [D-27]
Johnny W. Stringer [D-87]
Tom Weathersby [R-62]
Jason White [R-48]
Henry Zuber III [R-113]

African-American Legislator
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Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies
**Committee on Youth and Family Affairs**

**Chair**
John W. Hines [D-50]
Sara R. Thomas [D-31]  **Vice Chair**
Gene Alday [R-25]

Jeramey D. Anderson [D-110]

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IDA Authorization: House Member Districts with Potential Champions

Northern
- District 5
- District 9
- District 10
- District 11

Central
- District 28
- District 31
- District 32
- District 34
- District 42
- District 48
- District 54
- District 61
- District 71

Southwest
- District 96

Southeast
- District 114
IDA Authorization: House Member Districts (by County) with Potential Champions – Northern

**Northern**

District 5  
(*Benton, Marshall*)

District 9  
(*Coahoma, Panola, Quitman, Tate, Tunica*)

District 10  
(*Lafayette, Panola, Tallahatchie*)

District 11  
(*Panola, Tate*)
Rep. John G. Faulkner (D-05)

Committee Assignments
- Conservation and Water Resources
- Military Affairs
- Universities and Colleges
- Youth and Family Affairs

Counties Covered by District
- Benton, Marshall

Affiliations
- Board of Directors for Marshall County Industrial Development Authority (IDA)
- NAACP
- He is a member of the Baptist faith.

Relevant Legislation
Co-sponsored bill to establish the Mississippi Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund (HB 1107)
Rep. Clara H. Burnett (D-09)

Committee Assignments
- Gaming (Vice Chair)
- Education
- Tourism
- Universities and Colleges
- Youth and Family Affairs

Counties Covered by District
- Coahoma, Panola, Quitman, Tate, Tunica

Affiliations
- She is a member of the Methodist faith.

Relevant Legislation
Co-sponsored bill to extend financial literacy programs from grades 10 and 11 to grades 9 through 12 (HB 31)

Introduced bill to authorize Board of Supervisors of Tunica County to contribute funds to the Tunica County Economic Development Foundation, Inc. (HB 1778)

Introduced bill to authorize Board of Supervisors of Tunica County to contribute funds for calendar year 2007 to the Institute of Community Services, Inc., to operate Head Start Program (HB 1759)
Rep. Nolan Mettetal (R-10)

Committee Assignments
- Universities and Colleges (Chair)
- Appropriations
- Banking and Financial Services
- Corrections
- Medicaid
- Public Property
- Public Utilities
- Select Committee on Railway Development
- Workforce Development

Counties Covered by District
- Lafayette, Panola, Tallahatchie

Affiliations
- University of Mississippi Alumni Association
- Northwest Community College Alumni Association
- He is a member of the Methodist faith.

Relevant Legislation
- Introduced bill to revise comprehensive investment plan and investment options for the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition program (HB 522)
- Co-sponsored bill to authorize an income tax credit for taxpayers who are first-time homebuyers of a principal residence in the state of Mississippi (SB 2139)
Rep. Lataisha Jackson (D-11)

Committee Assignments
- Universities and Colleges
- Agriculture
- Energy
- Public Property
- Select Committee on Railway Development
- Youth and Family Affairs

Counties Covered by District
- Panola, Tate

Affiliations
- E.D.U.C.A.T.E. Inc (Executive Director)
- She is a member of the Askew Grove Baptist Church.
IDA Authorization: House Member Districts (by County) with Potential Champions – Central

Central

District 28
(Bolivar, Sunflower, Washington)

District 31
(Sunflower)

District 32
(Leflore)

District 34
(Carroll, Holmes, Humphreys, Leflore, Montgomery, Washington)

District 42
(Kemper, Lauderdale, Noxubee)

District 48
(Attala, Carroll, Choctaw, Holmes, Humphreys, Leake)

District 54
(Issaquena, Sharkey, Warren)

District 61
(Rankin)

District 71
(Hinds, Rankin)
Rep. Tommy Taylor (R-28)

Committee Assignments
- Corrections (Chair)
- Agriculture
- County Affairs
- Judiciary B
- Judiciary En Banc
- Military Affairs
- Universities and Colleges

Counties Covered by District
- Bolivar, Sunflower, Washington

Affiliations
- American Correctional Association
- He is a member of the Baptist faith.
Rep. Sara R. Thomas (D-31)

Committee Assignments
- Youth and Family Affairs (Vice Chair)
- Agriculture
- Corrections
- Education
- Ethics
- Investigate State Offices

Counties Covered by District
- Sunflower

Affiliations
- Mississippi Association of Educators
- National Association of Educators
- Mississippi Retired Teachers
- She is a member of the Baptist faith.

Relevant Legislation
Co-sponsored bill to create a College and Career Readiness Program (HB 916)

Co-sponsored bill to extend financial literacy programs from grades 10 and 11 to grades 9 through 12 (HB 31)

Co-sponsored resolution urging the state of Mississippi to take critical and fundamental actions to improve the state’s economic and social rankings (HC 34)
Rep. Willie J. Perkins, Sr. (D-32)

Committee Assignments
- Apportionment and Elections
- Appropriations
- Judiciary A
- Judiciary En Banc
- Management
- Youth and Family Affairs

Counties Covered by District
- Leflore

Affiliations
- Board Attorney for Leflore County school district and the city of Itta Bena
- NAACP (Leflore)
- He is a member of the Baptist faith.

Relevant Legislation
Co-sponsored bill to extend financial literacy programs from grades 10 and 11 to grades 9 through 12 (HB 31)

Co-sponsored bill to create a joint study committee on children and family issues with an emphasis on promoting educational attainment, and reducing disparities in education and income (HB 1203)
Rep. Linda Whittington (D-34)

Committee Assignments
- Tourism (Vice Chair)
- Agriculture
- Corrections
- Public Health and Human Services
- Select Committee on Railway Development
- Youth and Family Affairs

Counties Covered by District
- Carroll, Holmes, Humphreys, Leflore, Montgomery, Washington

Affiliations
- Chamber of Commerce Board (Greenwood-Leflore County)
- She is a member of the Episcopal faith.

Relevant Legislation
Co-sponsored resolution urging the state of Mississippi to take critical and fundamental actions to improve the state’s economic and social rankings (HC 34)
Rep. Reecy L. Dickson (D-42)

Committee Assignments
- Appropriations
- Corrections
- Education
- Insurance
- Workforce Development

Counties Covered by District
- Kemper, Lauderdale, Noxubee

Affiliations
- NAACP
- She is a member of the Baptist faith.

Relevant Legislation
Introduced bill to authorize individual development accounts for low-income individuals (HB 1386)
Introduced bill to create a commission on and a department of Health, Human Services and Economic Security (HB 360)
Introduced bill to create Mississippi Poverty Reduction and Advocacy Office (HB 443)
Committee Assignments

- Constitution (Vice Chair)
- Agriculture
- Apportionment and Elections
- Congressional Redistricting
- Judiciary B
- Judiciary En Banc
- Legislative Reapportionment
- Medicaid
- Select Committee on Railway Development
- Transportation
- Ways and Means
- Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

Counties Covered by District

- Attala, Carroll, Choctaw, Holmes, Humphreys, Leake

Affiliations

- Mississippi Bar Association
- Attala County Farmer Co-op, Board of Director
- He is a member of the Baptist faith.
Rep. Alex Monsour (R-54)

Committee Assignments
- Ports, Harbors and Airports (Chair)
- Constitution
- Gaming
- Judiciary B
- Judiciary En Banc
- Public Property
- Tourism
- Ways and Means

Counties Covered by District
- Issaquena, Sharkey, Warren

Affiliations
- He is a member of the Catholic faith.

Relevant Legislation
Co-sponsored resolution urging the state of Mississippi to take critical and fundamental actions to improve the state’s economic and social rankings (HC 34)
Committee Assignments
- Ways and Means (Vice Chair)
- Banking and Financial Services
- Investigate State Offices
- Management
- Military Affairs
- Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review

Counties Covered by District
- Rankin

Affiliations
- He is a member of the Methodist faith.
Rep. Adrienne Wooten (D-71)

Committee Assignments
- Banking and Financial Services
- Fees and Salaries of Public Officers
- Judiciary B
- Judiciary En Banc
- Universities and Colleges
- Workforce Development

Counties Covered by District
- Hinds, Rankin

Affiliations
- She is a member of the Baptist faith.

Relevant Legislation
Introduced bill to reduce the maximum rate of interest that may be charged for cashing checks (HB-7)

Introduced bill to extend financial literacy programs from grades 10 and 11 to grades 9 through 12 (HB 31)
IDA Authorization: House Member Districts (by County) with Potential Champions – Southwest

Southwest

District 96
(Adams, Amite, Pike, Wilkinson)
Rep. Angela Cockerham (D-96)

Committee Assignments
- Energy (Chair)
- Appropriations
- Compilation, Revision and Publication
- Ethics
- Judiciary A
- Judiciary En Banc
- Management
- Public Property
- Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

Counties Covered by District
- Adams, Amite, Pike, Wilkinson

Affiliations
- Bar Association (Mississippi & Louisiana)
- She is a member of the Baptist faith.

Relevant Legislation
Co-sponsored resolution urging the state of Mississippi to take critical and fundamental actions to improve the state’s economic and social rankings (HC 34)

Co-sponsored bill to create a joint study committee on children and family issues with an emphasis on promoting educational attainment, and reducing disparities in education and income (HB 1203)
IDA Authorization: House Member Districts (by County) with Potential Champions – Southeast

Southeast

District 114
(Harrison, Jackson)
Rep. Jeffrey S. Guice (R-114)

Committee Assignments
- Marine Resources (Vice Chair)
- Banking and Financial Services
- Education
- Insurance
- Judiciary B
- Judiciary En Banc
- Ports, Harbors and Airports
- Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

Counties Covered by District
- Harrison, Jackson

Affiliations
- National Association of Realtors
- Boys and Girls Club of the Gulf Coast (Board of Directors)
- He is a member of the Presbyterian faith.

Relevant Legislation
Co-sponsored resolution urging the state of Mississippi to take critical and fundamental actions to improve the state’s economic and social rankings (HC 34)
IDA Authorization: Potential Champions (Senate)
IDA Authorization: Relevant Committees

SENATE

- Business and Financial Institutions
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<td>None</td>
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Committee on Business and Financial Institutions
Gary Jackson [R-15] Chair
J. P. Wilemon, Jr. [D-5] Vice Chair
Nickey Browning [R-3]
Kelvin E. Butler [D-38]
Videt Carmichael [R-33]
Sally Doty [R-39]
Josh Harkins [R-20]
Robert L. Jackson [D-11]
Will Longwitz [R-25]
Haskins Montgomery [D-34]
Rita P. Parks [R-4]
Bill Stone [D-2]
Giles Ward [R-18]
Committee on Economic Development
John Horhn [D-26] Chair
Steve Hale [D-10] Vice Chair
Terry W. Brown [R-17]
Eugene S. Clarke [R-22]
Sally Doty [R-39]
Joey Fillingane [R-41]
Tommy A. Gollott [R-50]
Haskins Montgomery [D-34]
Philip Moran [R-46]
David Parker [R-19]
Rita P. Parks [R-4]

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IDA Authorization: Relevant Senate Committee (Finance)

Committee on Finance
Joey Fillingane [R-41] Chair
Dean Kirby [R-30] Vice Chair
Nickey Browning [R-3]
Hob Bryan [D-7]
Kelvin E. Butler [D-38]
Lydia G. Chassaniol [R-14]
Deborah J. Dawkins [D-48]
Sally Doty [R-39]
Steve Hale [D-10]
Josh Harkins [R-20]
Billy Hudson [R-45]
Kenneth W. Jones [D-21]
David Jordan [D-24]

Will Longwitz [R-25]
Chris Massey [R-1]
Haskins Montgomery [D-34]
Philip Moran [R-46]
David Parker [R-19]
Rita P. Parks [R-4]
John A. Polk [R-44]
Derrick T. Simmons [D-12]
Tony Smith [R-47]
Bill Stone [D-2]
Gray Tollison [R-9]
Giles Ward [R-18]
Michael Watson [R-51]

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IDA Authorization: Relevant Senate Committee (Municipalities)

Committee on Municipalities
J. P. Wilemon, Jr. [D-5]  Chair
Bill Stone [D-2]  Vice Chair
Terry C. Burton [R-31]
Kelvin E. Butler [D-38]
Lydia G. Chassaniol [R-14]
Kenneth W. Jones [D-21]
David Jordan [D-24]
Perry Lee [R-35]
Chris Massey [R-1]
Chris McDaniel [R-42]
Melanie Sojourner [R-37]
IDA Authorization: Relevant Senate Committee (Public Health and Welfare)

Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Dean Kirby [R-30] Chair
Hob Bryan [D-7] Vice Chair
David Blount [D-29]
Terry C. Burton [R-31]
Nancy A. Collins [R-6]
Joey Fillingane [R-41]
**Hillman T. Frazier [D-27]**
Josh Harkins [R-20]
W. Briggs Hopson, III [R-23]
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Brice Wiggins [R-52]

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IDA Authorization: Senate Member Districts with Potential Champions

Northern
District 9
District 10
District 11

Central
District 13
District 16
District 21
District 22
District 24
District 30
District 32

Southwest
District 38

Southeast
District 50
IDA Authorization: Senate Member Districts (by County) with Potential Champions – Northern

**Northern**

**District 9**  
(*Lafayette, Tallahatchie, Yalobusha*)

**District 10**  
(*Panola, Tate*)

**District 11**  
(*Coahoma, Quitman, Tate, Tunica*)
Sen. Gray Tollison (R-09)

Committee Assignments
- Education (Chair)
- Executive Contingent Fund (Vice Chair)
- Constitution
- Finance
- Judiciary, Division B
- Public Health and Welfare
- Rules
- Universities and Colleges
- Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

Counties Covered by District
- Lafayette, Tallahatchie, Yalobusha

Relevant Legislation
Introduced bill to authorize a tax deduction for college savings plans (SB 2204)
Sen. Steve Hale (D-10)

Committee Assignments
- Economic Development (Vice Chair)
- Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency
- Education
- Finance
- Investigate State Offices
- Judiciary, Division A
- Universities and Colleges

Counties Covered by District
- Panola, Tate

Affiliations
- He is a member of the Baptist faith.

Relevant Legislation
Introduced bill to authorize assessment of economic development incentives, including the development and expansion of small businesses (SB 2054)
Sen. Robert L. Jackson (D-11)

Committee Assignments
- Executive Contingent Fund (Chair)
- Labor (Vice Chair)
- Agriculture
- Appropriations
- Business and Financial Institutions
- Energy
- Ports and Marine Resources
- Public Property

Counties Covered by District
- Coahoma, Quitman, Tate, Tunica

Affiliations
- 21st Century Investment Club
- Quitman County Social Service Club for Senior Citizens
- He is a member of the Baptist faith.

Relevant Legislation
Introduced two pieces of legislation during the 2013 session to establish an IDA program for low-income individuals (SB 2027 & SB 2741)

Co-sponsored bill to authorize an income tax credit for taxpayers who are first-time homebuyers of a principal residence in the state of Mississippi (SB 2139)
IDA Authorization: Senate Member Districts (by County) with Potential Champions – Central

Central

District 13
(Bolivar, Humphreys, Sunflower)

District 16
(Clay, Lowndes, Noxubee, Oktibbeha)

District 21
(Attala, Holmes, Madison, Yazoo)

District 22
(Bolivar, Humphreys, Sharkey, Washington, Yazoo)

District 24
(Holmes, Leflore, Tallahatchie)

District 30
(Rankin)

District 32
(Kemper, Lauderdale, Noxubee, Winston)
Sen. Willie Simmons (D-13)

Committee Assignments
- Highways and Transportation (Chair)
- Agriculture
- Appropriations
- Corrections
- Legislative Budget Committee
- Ports and Marine Resources
- Public Health and Welfare
- State Library

Counties Covered by District
- Bolivar, Humphreys, Sunflower

Affiliations
- Cleveland Area Civic Club
- 100 Black Men of Bolivar County
- National Association of State Legislators
- National Association of Black State Legislators
- MS Association of Professionals in Corrections
- He is a member of the Solomon Chapel AME Church.

Relevant Legislation
Introduced bill to authorize an IDA program for low-income individuals (SB 2113)

Co-sponsored bill to authorize an IDA program for low-income individuals (SB 2741)
Sen. Angela Turner (D-16)

Committee Assignments
- Appropriations
- Compilation, Revision and Publication
- Constitution
- Ethics
- Judiciary, Division A
- Veterans and Military Affairs

Counties Covered by District
- Clay, Lowndes, Noxubee, Oktibbeha

Affiliations
- She is a member of the Methodist faith
Sen. Kenneth W. Jones (D-21)

Committee Assignments
- Interstate and Federal Cooperation (Chair)
- Constitution
- Environment Protection, Conservation and Water Resources
- Executive Contingent Fund
- Finance
- Insurance
- Municipalities
- Public Health and Welfare

Counties Covered by District
- Attala, Holmes, Madison, Yazoo

Affiliations
- Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus (Chair)
- NBC-LEO
- He is a member of the Baptist faith.

Relevant Legislation
Co-sponsored bill to authorize an IDA program for low-income individuals (SB 2587)

Sponsored bill to create a study committee to study economic development in low-income census tracts (SC 684)

Introduced bill to create the Mississippi Small Business Opportunities Programs and authorize bonds to provide loans and grants to small businesses (SB 3063)
Sen. Eugene S. Clarke (R-22)

Committee Assignments
- Appropriations (Chair)
- Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency
- Agriculture
- Congressional Redistricting
- Economic Development
- Housing
- Insurance
- Judiciary, Division A
- Legislative Budget Committee
- Legislative Reapportionment
- Ports and Marine Resources

Counties Covered by District
- Bolivar, Humphreys, Sharkey, Washington, Yazoo

Affiliations
- He is a member of the Methodist faith.

Relevant Legislation
Co-sponsored the Mississippi Small Business Regulatory Act to create procedures to analyze the economic impact on and availability of more flexible approaches for small businesses (SC 2398)
Sen. David Jordan (D-24)

**Committee Assignments**
- Drug Policy (Chair)
- Agriculture
- County Affairs
- Education
- Environment Protection, Conservation and Water Resources
- Finance
- Forestry
- Housing
- Municipalities
- Tourism

**Counties Covered by District**
- Holmes, Leflore, Tallahatchie

**Affiliations**
- Greenwood County Councilman (Vice President)
- He is a member of the Baptist faith.

**Relevant Legislation**
Co-sponsored bill to authorize individual development accounts for low-income individuals (SB 2587)

Co-sponsored bill to authorize an income tax credit for taxpayers who are first-time homebuyers of a principal residence in the state of Mississippi (SB 2139)
Sen. Dean Kirby (R-30)

Committee Assignments
- Public Health and Welfare (Chair)
- Finance (Vice Chair)
- Corrections
- Highways and Transportation
- Housing
- Insurance
- Interstate and Federal Cooperation
- Judiciary, Division A
- Legislative Budget Committee

Counties Covered by District
- Rankin

Affiliations
- Chamber of Commerce (Pearl and Rankin Counties)
- He is a member the Baptist faith.

Relevant Legislation
Introduced two pieces of legislation to authorize an income tax credit for taxpayers who are first-time homebuyers of a principal residence in the state of Mississippi – SB 2139 (2011 session) and SB 2327 (2010 session)
Sen. Sampson Jackson II (D-32)

Committee Assignments
- Corrections (Chair)
- Interstate and Federal Cooperation (Vice Chair)
- Appropriations
- Energy
- Judiciary, Division B
- Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review
- Veterans and Military Affairs
- Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

Counties Covered by District
- Kemper, Lauderdale, Noxubee, Winston

Affiliations
- NAACP
- Kemper County Political Black Caucus
- Mississippi Farm Bureau
- Mississippi Cattlemen's Association
- He is a member the Baptist faith.

Relevant Legislation
Co-sponsored bill to authorize an IDA program for low-income individuals (SB 2587)

Co-sponsored bill to authorize an income tax credit for taxpayers who are first-time homebuyers of a principal residence in the state of Mississippi (SB 2139)
IDA Authorization: Senate Member Districts (by County) with Potential Champions – Southwest

Southwest

District 38
(Adams, Amite, Pike, Walthall, Wilkinson)
Sen. Kelvin E. Butler (D-38)

Committee Assignments
- Labor (Chair)
- Enrolled Bills (Vice Chair)
- Business and Financial Institutions
- Energy
- Finance
- Highways and Transportation
- Judiciary, Division A
- Local and Private
- Municipalities
- Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review
- State Library
- Tourism

Counties Covered by District
- Adams, Amite, Pike, Walthall, Wilkinson

Affiliations
- Magnolia South Pike Chamber of Commerce
- NAACP
- He is a member the Baptist faith.

Relevant Legislation
Co-sponsored bill to authorize an income tax credit for taxpayers who are first-time homebuyers of a principal residence in the state of Mississippi (SB 2139)
IDA Authorization: Senate Member Districts (by County) with Potential Champions – Southeast

Southeast

District 50
(Harrison)
Sen. Tommy A. Gollott (R-50)

Committee Assignments
- Environment Protection, Conservation and Water Resources (Chair)
- Appropriations
- Drug Policy
- Economic Development
- Elections
- Highways and Transportation
- Local and Private
- Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review
- Ports and Marine Resources
- Tourism

Counties Covered by District
- Harrison

Affiliations
- National Society of State Legislators
- Mississippi Arts Fair for Handicapped (Board Member)
- Chesire Home for Handicapped (Board Member)
- He is a member of the Catholic faith.

Relevant Legislation
Co-sponsored bill to authorize an income tax credit for taxpayers who are first-time homebuyers of a principal residence in the state of Mississippi (SB 2327)

Co-sponsored the Mississippi Small Business Regulatory Act to create procedures to analyze the economic impact on and availability of more flexible approaches for small businesses (SC 2398)
Summary: How to Identify Champions?

• Research the characteristics of House and Senate districts—and their members—across the state
• Examine membership of committees likely to have jurisdiction to consider your issue
• Based on this “homework,” select the senators and representatives who are most likely to be supportive of your issue and reach out to them