Ellis Black, a Republican, was elected in 2015 to serve Senate District 8, which includes Brooks, Clinch, Cook, Echols, Lanier and Lowndes counties and portions of Thomas County.

In the Senate, Sen. Black serves as the Chairman of the Retirement Committee, Secretary of the Science Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee and as a member of the Education and Youth and Appropriations Committees, as well as an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee.

Sen. Black’s community involvement is extensive and includes active membership with many organizations. Sen. Black has served on the Board of Directors for the Lowndes County Farm Bureau, is a member of the Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce, the Brook’s County, Echols County, Lake Park and Lowndes County Historical Societies and a member of the Southeast Ag Coalition. He is also involved with the Brooks County Airport Authority and the Regional Development Authority.

Upon graduating from Lowndes County High School, Sen. Black attended the University of Georgia, where he earned his B.S.A. Now a farmer, he is married to Aletha M. Black. The couple attends the Clyattville United Methodist Church.

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