



Senator Jim Butterworth

Senate District 50



Sen. Jim Butterworth is a Republican representing the 50th District. He represents Banks, Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Rabun, Stephens, and Towns counties and a portion of White County. He was first elected to the State Senate in 2009 and was appointed to serve on the Committee on Assignments and as a Governor’s floor leader for the 2011-2012 Legislative Session.

Sen. Butterworth serves as chairman of the Higher Education Committee and vice chairman of the Banking and Financial Institutions Committee. He is also a member of the Appropriations and Natural Resources and the Environment committees and is an ex-officio member of the Economic Development and State and Local Governmental Operations committees.

Prior to serving in the Senate, Sen. Butterworth was chairman of the Habersham County Board of Commissioners. He negotiated a 25-year water contract providing the county with three million gallons of water per day and also helped pass a Special Local Option Sales Tax to finance transportation, economic development, recreation, and natural resources improvements. The Norton Native Intelligence Report named him a “Next Generation Leader.” Sen. Butterworth also served on boards to the Georgia Mountains Regional Development Center, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, All Hazards Council, and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Regional Advisory Committee.

Sen. Butterworth is a pilot for Delta Air Lines. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from the University of Georgia, and he was active in the Air Force R.O.T.C. program and named twice as “AFROTC Cadet of the Year.” He later served in the United States Air Force for 12 years, and flew B1 bombers with the Georgia Air National Guard.

Sen. Butterworth, a Habersham County native, attends Bethlehem Baptist Church in Clarkesville with his wife, Amy, and their four children: Blake, Claire, Jack, and Cate.

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