



**Senator Jack Hill**  
*Senate District 4*



**Senator Jack Hill** of Reidsville, a Republican, was first elected to the Georgia Senate from the 4th District in 1990 and was reelected in 2016 to his 14th two-year term. Senator Hill is chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, vice chairman of Senate Rules Committee and also serves on the Natural Resources and the Environment and Regulated Industries and Utilities committees as well as an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee. Past chairmanships include: K-12 Education, Ethics and Higher Education.

He headed a Study Committee whose recommendations resulted in the expansion of the state's jobs tax credit for economically depressed areas and he authored a constitutional amendment that created regional tax-base sharing industrial parks.

Senator Hill has long been a proponent of "early voting" legislation, which he introduced and passed in the Senate in 1999. Early voting eventually became law as part of a package of election reforms.

Senator Hill sponsored legislation that created a five percent fine surcharge to fund local victims' assistance programs statewide. Senator Hill led the development of the Vidalia Onion Research Center in the heart of the Vidalia onion growing district. He has helped secure funding that utilizes inmate details working with UGA researchers on solving plant issues for Vidalia onion growers as well as research on other vegetables grown in the area.

As Appropriations Chairman, he led the Senate in changing the budget process in Georgia to a results-based form through his efforts to base funding on clearly defined purposes and measurements. His steady leadership with the Executive and Legislative Branches has helped steer the state through difficult economic times.

Georgia has maintained through the years a "Triple A" Bond rating from the national rating agencies, the highest rating awarded, as recognition of Georgia's business-like management of state government. Additionally, Hill sponsored and passed legislation expanding the Revenue Shortfall Reserve ceiling from 10% to 15% of previous year's revenues.

Georgia Southern University, East Georgia State College and technical colleges in the 4th District have received approximately \$300 million in improvements and construction funding during his tenure. He is quick to add that the entire local delegation worked to secure those funds in cooperation with the Governor.

Senator Hill has long worked to promote state parks in his Senate

district as well as state wide and has been responsible for funding improvements including cottages, meeting buildings, a golf course expansion, fishing area improvements as well. Senator Hill has been a long-time supporter of Georgia's Public Libraries and has led the way in providing state matching funds for many new and renovated libraries. Additionally, he has led efforts to restore funding to the Grassroots Arts Program.

Senator Hill served 33 years in the Georgia Air National Guard as a unit commander and as State Inspector General. He retired in 2004 from the United States Air Force Reserve as a Reserve Forces Officer assigned to the Selective Service System. His military service totaled 37 years.

An active community leader, Senator Hill is the former chairman of the Tattnall County Development Authority, a Lion and Rotarian and headed a local historic preservation project that won a national award. Born July 15, 1944, in Reidsville, Senator Hill graduated from Reidsville High School and Georgia Southern University, (then College) and is a retired grocer. Senator Hill and his wife Ruth Ann, a retired elementary school principal, are the parents of three children and seven grandchildren and are members of the Reidsville Baptist Church.

The 4th Senatorial District includes: Bulloch, Candler, Effingham, Emanuel (pt.), Evans and Tattnall (pt.) counties.

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