



Senator George Hooks

Senate District 14



State Senator George Hooks of Americus was first elected to the state Senate from South Georgia's 14th District in 1990. Sen. Hooks is now the Dean of the Senate, and is one of the Senate's most influential members.

Sen. Hooks is a Democrat who serves as a member of the Senate Economic Development, Ethics, Rules, Natural Resources and the Environment committees, as well as the Appropriations Committee, of which he served as chairman from 1993-2003. He was reappointed in 2007 to the ONE Georgia Authority Oversight Committee, which he has served on since the creation of the committee.

A veteran legislator, Sen. Hooks served five terms in the state House of Representatives from 1980-1990, where he was assistant administration floor leader for former Governor Joe Frank Harris, and was responsible for sponsoring and working for passage of the Governor's legislative proposals.

Sen. Hooks, a sixth-generation native of Sumter County, graduated from Americus High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Auburn University. He also holds an honorary Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) degree from Mercer University. Sen. Hooks currently owns an insurance and real estate firm in Americus.

Sen. Hooks has received numerous legislative awards during his service in the General Assembly. He has been named Legislator of the Year by the Georgia Public Health Association, Medical Association of Georgia, Georgia Hospital Association, and as the National Legislator of the Year in 1999 by the American School Counselor Association. In 2008, he was selected for the Outstanding Elected Official Grand Award by the Georgia Urban Forest Council. He also received the Legislative Service Award in both 1991 and 2006 from the Georgia Municipal Association and the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia.

Active in community affairs, Sen. Hooks has been recognized for his leadership by several civic organizations, including the National Boy Scouts Council, Child Advocacy Coalition, Georgia Association of Educators, Georgia Council for the Hearing Impaired and the Georgia Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf. In both 1997 and 1998, he was honored with the Speak up for a Child award from the Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates. He has been cited as a "Friend of Medicine" by the Medical Association of Georgia, recognized as the Soil and Water Conservationist of the Year by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, and named an Outstanding Young Man of America in 1979 by the State Chamber of Commerce.

As the Senate's unofficial historian, Sen. Hooks was selected by the Governor as the 2008 recipient of the Governor's Award in the Humanities, and in 2004, received the John MacPherson Berrien Award from the Georgia Historical Society for a lifetime of achievement in Georgia history.

Sen. Hooks is a member and former director of the Rotary Club, the Americus-Sumter County Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Eagle Scout Board of Review of the Boy Scouts of America. Sen. Hooks is married to the former Kay Felder Allen of Atlanta and he has two adult children, Bardin and Mary Ann. Sen. Hooks attends the First Baptist Church of Americus.

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