Senator Ben Watson
Senate District 1

Senator Ben Watson M.D., a Republican, was elected to the State Senate in 2014. He represents District 1 which includes portions of Chatham and Liberty Counties and all of Bryan County.

Sen. Watson is chairman of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. He also serves as a member of the Appropriations, Public Safety and Transportation Committees, as well as an ex officio on the Insurance and Labor Committee, and the Veterans, Military and Homeland Security Committee.

In 2010, Sen. Watson was elected to represent the islands district of Savannah in the Georgia House of Representatives. While in the House, he served as the Vice-Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, Secretary of the Science and Technology Committee and a member of the Higher Education Committee. In his last two years as a Representative, he served on the Appropriations Committee and Health Subcommittee. During his four years in the House, Sen. Watson was proud to be the only medical doctor to serve in the Georgia House of Representatives.

Sen. Watson has served as a primary care physician in Savannah since 1988. He practices internal medicine with a specialty in geriatrics.

He is a native of Twin City, Georgia and is a graduate of Emanuel County Institute and the University of Georgia. He earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia.

Sen. Watson and his wife, Bernice, a Savannah-Chatham Public School teacher, live on Isle of Hope. They have three sons.

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