



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, Rules, Natural Resources and the Environment committees, as well as the Appropriations Committee, of which he served as chairman from 1993-2003.

Sen. Hooks is a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC). 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.

Active in community affairs, Sen. Hooks was named an Outstanding Young Man of America in 1979 by the State Chamber of Commerce, and was selected for Leadership Georgia in 1982. He has been honored as the Legislator of the Year by the Georgia Public Health Association, the Medical Association of Georgia, the Georgia Hospital Association and as the Soil and Water Conservationist of the Year. He was cited as a "Friend of Medicine" by the Medical Association of Georgia. Sen. Hooks received the "Legislative Service Award" for 1991 and 2006 from both the Georgia Municipal Association and the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia.

In both 1997 and 1998, he was honored with the “Speak Up for a Child” award. He also has received the Friend of Children Award from the Child Advocacy Coalition, and has been cited by the Georgia Association of Educators. In 1997, Sen. Hooks was recognized for his support to the Georgia Council for the Hearing Impaired and the Georgia Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf. Also, Sen. Hooks received the “1999 National Legislator of the Year Award” from the American School Counselor Association and the Eagle Scout Award.

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. He and his late wife, Gail, are the parents of two children – Bardin and Mary Ann. Sen. Hooks attends the First Baptist Church of Americus.

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