

# SENATOR MAX BURNS

## GEORGIA'S 23RD SENATE DISTRICT

Senator Max Burns, a Republican, represents Georgia's 23rd Senate District. Elected in November 2020, he serves Burke, Emanuel, Glascock, Jefferson, Jenkins, McDuffie, Screven, Taliaferro, and Warren counties, as well as parts of Columbia and Richmond counties.

Sen. Burns is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Higher Education. He also serves as an Ex-Officio member of the Senate Committees on Appropriations, Ethics, and Transportation and is a member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, Economic Development and Tourism, and Children and Families.

A Georgia native, Sen. Burns was born in Millen and earned his undergraduate degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1973. He completed his MBA from Georgia State University in 1977 and his Ph.D. in 1987.

Before his career in higher education, Sen. Burns served in the U.S. Army Reserves. He then became a professor of information systems at Georgia Southern University, teaching both domestically and internationally as a Fulbright Scholar.

Sen. Burns furthered his career in information management, working with major organizations such as Gulfstream Aerospace, Grinnell Corporation, Oxford Industries, and the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

His public service began in the early 1990s when he was elected to the Screven County Board of Commissioners, where he served for six years until 1998. In 2002, Sen. Burns was elected as the U.S. Representative for Georgia's 12th Congressional District, serving one term in the U.S. House of Representatives. He later became dean of the Mike Cottrell College of Business at what is now the University of North Georgia and served as president of Gordon State College from 2012 to 2017.

Sen. Burns resides in Sylvania, Georgia, with his wife, Lora. They attend Jackson Baptist Church in Sylvania and have two sons and three grandchildren.

