



**Rep. Steven Sainz  
District 180**

### Biography

State Representative Steven Sainz represents Georgia's 180<sup>th</sup> House District, covering Camden and Glynn counties. First elected in 2018, Sainz has become a leading voice on public safety, conservative tax reform and veteran advocacy. In 2024, he was named Greater Georgia's Legislator of the Year for his leadership on criminal justice and public safety policy, including his key role in the passage of Mariam's Law (2023), which strengthened penalties for repeat sexual offenders.

In 2025, Sainz was the author of legislation that delivered one of the largest state benefits for military retirees in Georgia history, increasing the exemption for military retirement benefits from \$35,000 to \$65,000 for individuals under the age of 65. This change means many retired veterans will see their military retirement benefits fully exempt from state income tax. Additionally, at age 65, the senior exemption, which all Georgia citizens are eligible for – also set at \$65,000 – takes effect; creating a seamless transition for military families.

Steven is a proud product of Camden's public school system, graduating from Camden County High School. He attended a night satellite program of Valdosta State University while living and working in Camden County, graduating Cum Laude from VSU with a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration. He completed his Master of Business Administration from Georgia Tech in December of 2021.

Steven is the CEO of Camden Connection, a community development corporation where he has led in the securing of more than \$18 million in project funds for community infrastructure, health and education projects. Steven has also served as a deputy sheriff for the Camden County Sheriff's Office until his start of office in the Georgia Legislature, where he had the pleasure of teaching the drug and crime prevention C.H.A.M.P.S. curriculum to elementary and middle school students.

Steven enjoys staying civically active and has served as the planning commission chairman for the City of Woodbine, board member for the Camden County Chamber of Commerce and on the executive committee of the Woodbine Lions Club as the club secretary. He also serves as a member of the community advisory board of the Salvation Army of Saint Marys.