

# SENATOR FREDDIE POWELL SIMS

## GEORGIA'S 12TH SENATE DISTRICT

Senator Freddie Powell Sims, a Democrat from Dawson, was elected to the Georgia State Senate in 2008. She serves Georgia's 12th Senate District which covers Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Dougherty, Early, Miller, Mitchell, Quitman, Randolph, Stewart, Sumter, Terrell and Webster counties.

Sen. Powell Sims serves as the Secretary of the Senate Committee on Education & Youth. Sen. Powell Sims is also a member of the Senate Committees on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, Appropriations, Interstate Cooperation, Natural Resources and the Environment and Urban Affairs. Additionally, she serves as an Ex-Officio on the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.



Sen. Powell Sims served in the Georgia State House of Representatives from 2004 to 2008. She served on the following House Committees: Education, Economic Development, Tourism, Transportation and Natural Resources and the Environment.

Sen. Powell Sims special appointments have included:

- Education Commission of the State of Georgia (appointed by Governor Deal)
- Georgia's Education Finance Commission
- Georgia's Educational Ethics Taskforce (both appointments by Lt. Governor Casey Cagle)
- Georgia's Children Cabinet (appointed by Governor Kemp)
- Justice for Children Cabinet (appointed by Appeals Court Judge Nahmias)
- Child Welfare and Reform Commission (appointed by Governor Deal)
- Long Term Aquifer Storage Commission (appointed by Speaker Glenn Richardson)
- Foster Initiative Study (appointed by Lt. Governor Casey Cagle)
- College and Career Academies (appointed by Lt. Governor Casey Cagle)
- Georgia-Alabama Joint Study Committee (appointed by Lt. Governor Casey Cagle)
- Southern Regional Educational Board (appointed by Lt. Governor Cagle)
- Senate Rural Study Committee
- Governor's Office of Student Achievement (appointed by Governor Deal)
- HBCU Study Committee
- NCSL 2009 Standing Committee on Education
- School Safety Committee (appointed by Governor Kemp)
- Medical Cannabis Oversight Commission (appointed by Governor Kemp)
- Georgia Jobs and Infrastructure Committee



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Sen. Powell Sims' special projects include:

- Lobbied to reopen the Terrell County Detention Center, which is fully refurbished and fully staffed
- Helped to shape protocol for dual enrollment students across the State;
- Secured appropriations for Albany State University Fine Arts Center and Georgia Southwestern State University's Center for Excellence
- Secured money for the Heart of Georgia Railroads
- Secured iPads for Dougherty County, Quitman County and Clay County.

Service:

- Easter Seals Supporter 2006
- Albany Chamber of Commerce Appreciation 2014
- Legislator of the Year Award from Turner Job Corps 2010
- Terrell County NAACP Speaker 2009
- Turner Job Corps 45th Anniversary 2009
- Fort Valley State University Fall 2014 Commencement Speaker
- Georgia Southwestern State University Fall 2019 Commencement Speaker

