Sen. Bill Cowsert
SENATE DISTRICT 46

BIOGRAPHY

Sen. Bill Cowsert, a Republican, was elected to the Georgia State Senate in 2006. He represents the citizens of Clarke, Oconee and Walton counties. Sen. Cowsert serves as Chair of the Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee and as Vice Chair of the Judiciary, Rules, and Redistricting Committees. He also serves on the Committee on Health and Human Services, the Assignments Committee, and as Ex-Officio on the Finance Committee. Born Sept. 1, 1958, in Jackson, Miss., and raised in Macon, Ga., Sen. Cowsert graduated from Macon Central High School, earned a B.S. in business administration from Presbyterian College, and a law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law. Sen. Cowsert is a founding partner of the Athens’ based law firm Cowsert & Heath. He is the past president of the Athens Sertoma Club and Clarke County Heart Association, and past board member of the Athens Touchdown Club. Senator Cowsert and his wife, Amy, are the parents of three grown children: Will, Bob, and Caty. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Athens, where Sen. Cowsert is an elder.

COMMITTEES

Regulated Industries and Utilities - Chairman
Judiciary - Vice Chairman
Reapportionment and Redistricting - Vice Chairman
Rules - Vice Chairman
Finance - Ex-Officio
Assignments - Member
Health & Human Services - Member
Senator Frank Ginn was elected to the Georgia Senate in 2010. Senator Ginn is a Republican representing the 47th District, which stretches across the Barrow, Jackson, Clarke and Madison Counties. Frank followed the family tradition and graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering in 1985. Go DAWGS! Following both of his parents’ career paths, he started working in the electric utility industry. He began as an engineer for the consumer-owned cooperative, Jackson EMC. He left Jackson EMC as the Director of Member Services to learn more about the natural gas and other utilities as the City Manager/Treasurer for the City of Royston. Eventually, Sen. Ginn migrated to the City of Sugar Hill in Gwinnett County to serve as their manager. In 2000, the citizens of Franklin County voted to change to the County Manager form of government. Frank was selected to serve as the first county manager. He was employed with Franklin County up until he was sworn in. Sen. Ginn serves as Chair of the Transportation committee. He also serves as Ex-Officio member for the Natural Resources and the Environment Committee. In addition to this, he serves as a member in the Appropriations, Economic Development & Tourism, and Regulated Industries and Utilities Committees. Senator Ginn previously served as Chairman of Economic Development and Tourism Committee. Frank and his wife, Robin, live and work on their family farm in Madison County. Other than raising their daughter, Catherine, they raise livestock and grow timber and hay. Senator Ginn considers it a great honor to represent the Citizens in the 47th District and to serve the people of Georgia.
Spencer Frye was first elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2012, representing District 118 (Athens/Winterville) and currently serves as the Executive Director for Athens Habitat for Humanity. He’s also been a small business owner and a construction manager, has helped to export American ambulances overseas, and co-founded a company that began by recapturing recyclable motor oil and which now operates globally. As a business owner, non-profit director, and now state representative, Spencer Frye has met and worked with folks from all over the community, and successfully balanced the interests of citizens, private enterprise, and government. His wife Gretchen is an emergency room nurse at Athens Regional, and his 2 children attend public school in Athens-Clarke County. An entrepreneur at heart, Spencer is optimistic about the future, about what can be accomplished with the right vision and a little shoe leather.
Houston Gaines was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2018. Rep. Gaines is a Republican representing the 117th District, which includes portions of Barrow, Clarke, Jackson and Oconee counties. Houston works at Cannon Financial Institute, where he serves clients across the country in the financial industry. Houston also consults with Lighthouse Counsel, a local company that partners with nonprofits to increase mission awareness, organizational effectiveness and philanthropic support. As a third-generation Athenian, Gaines graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the Terry College of Business and a B.A. in Political Science from the School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Georgia. While at UGA, Houston served as student body president. Houston is a proud member of the Athens Rotary Club and previously served on the Envision Athens Steering Committee, Junior League of Athens Community Advisory Board, LEAD Athens Alumni Association Board of Directors and multiple K-12 and University of Georgia boards. He is a LEAD Athens and Zell Miller Foundation Leadership Institute graduate.

Committees

Legislative & Congressional Reapportionment - Chairman
Health & Human Services - Secretary
Code Revision - Member
Appropriations - Member
Insurance - Member
Juvenile Justice - Member
Ways & Means - Member
Special Committee on Access to the Civil Justice System - Member
Special Committee on Election Integrity - Member
Marcus Wiedower was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2018. Rep. Wiedower is a Republican representing the 119th District. Marcus currently has a career in real estate where he has gained years of experience at the Coldwell Banker Commercial Upchurch Realty. Wiedower attended The University of Georgia where he received a Bachelors in Landscape Architecture. Wiedower is the Vice Chairman for the Intragovernmental Cooperation Committee and Transportation Committee. He also serves on the Ways & Means, Appropriations, Natural Resources & the Environment, Higher Education, and Motor Vehicle committees. He has three kids with his wife Kelly and attends Athens Church.