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Speaker Bio



Rep. Ken Bennett (R-1)Chairman of Senate Education Committee

Ken grew up in Prescott and helped run his family business, Bennett Oil Company, where he served as CEO for over 20 years. He was first elected to public office in 1985, when he was elected to service on the Prescott City Council and served until 1989. He went on to serve in the State Senate from 1999-2007, serving as Senate President from 2003 to 2007. He was appointed Secretary of State in January 2009 to finish Jan Brewer's term and was subsequently elected to the post in 2010.

Ken is a trusted conservative leader on the most pressing issues in our state: election integrity,

managing the state budget, and securing the border. As a financial consultant, it's in Ken's nature to ensure that our state is a good steward of Arizona taxpayers' hard-earned money. He prioritizes balanced budgets and increased government transparency. Ken also prioritizes border security.

In addition to his public service and professional achievements, Ken Bennett is also a dedicated community volunteer. He has served on the Board of Directors for Cancer Treatment Centers of America for 10 years and has served on the Prescott Chamber of Commerce Board, the Arizona State Board of Education, and the Arizona State Board of Charter Schools.

An Arizona native and ASU graduate, Mr. Bennett was born in Tucson, raised in Prescott, and currently resides in Prescott with his wife of 40 years, Jeanne. They attend the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and have three grown children – Ryan, Dana, and Clif - and four grandchildren.

