

Senator David Simmons, District 9

David's Biography

David Simmons is the State Senator for District 9, serving Seminole and Volusia Counties. David is chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government. He served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2000 through 2008.

David is a leader in solving the major challenges facing Florida. The Orlando Sentinel has called David the Legislature's problem solver; the definition of substance over style; and the work horse of the Legislature, due to David's ability to work with others to pass major legislation helping the citizens of Florida.

David is the author of the dramatically successful Extra Hour a Day legislation that gives children in Florida's elementary schools an extra hour a day of intensive reading instruction; legislation setting a new standard for local governments to address homelessness, which is significantly reducing homelessness in Florida; creating, for the first time, a comprehensive legislative framework and major funding to save Florida's precious springs, our aquifers, and Lake Okeechobee; drafting the internationally acclaimed "Stand Your Ground" law; funding for the creation of both UCF's world renowned "Interactive Entertainment Academy" and its innovative ICAMR research project; and funding for Seminole State College's Student Services Center.

David was born in Nashville, Tennessee, and grew up on a farm where both of his parents were public school teachers. He graduated first in his class in Mathematics from Tennessee Technological University and Vanderbilt Law School. Upon graduation from Vanderbilt Law School, David moved to Central Florida. David is the financial managing partner of de Beaubien, Knight, Simmons, Mantzaris & Neal, LLP, one of the largest law firms in Central Florida.

David has lived in Florida since 1977 and has a long history of public service in Florida. Most importantly, he is the father of two beautiful girls.