



**Rep. Tom Rice**  
**R-95**

### Biography

Chairman Tom Rice was first elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1996 and began serving in 1997. Representative Rice entered the legislature as his third career, having already worked as a marketing executive for IBM in their U.S. headquarters and later as managing partner of The Quality Group, a developer of electronic learning systems. As an original native to the suburbs of Philadelphia, the future legislator moved to Atlanta in 1984. He attended Temple University, where he was an accounting major and participated in several of the University's intercollegiate sports programs. His personal claim to fame is having played on the school's football team with famed actor and comedian Bill Cosby!

Representative Rice has served as Chairman of the Motor Vehicles Committee since the 2005 Session of the Georgia Legislature. The Chairman has worked very hard authoring legislation that would make Georgia Driver's License eligibility stricter, thereby improving road safety. He is also a member of the Rules, Ways and Means, Appropriations Committees.

Representative Rice and his wife are the proud parents of four children and ten grandchildren. Frances Rice is an interior decorator as well as a skilled porcelain artist. Both she and the Representative appear as guest speakers occasionally for the Christian Women's Club. Aside from that, he is also a deacon at the Peachtree Corners Baptist Church, as well serving on the Advisory Board of the Life South Community Blood Bank. He is the Co-Chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee and Captain of the Old Guard of the Gate City Guard, an Atlanta based military organization. Aside from the already very full and busy life Representative Rice leads, he is also very interested in Civil War History and reading the biographies of historical figures.