



**Rep. Richard Smith
(R-134)**

Biography

Richard H. Smith was born in Wrightsville, Georgia. Richard moved to Madison, Georgia and graduated from Morgan County High School. Upon completion of High School, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Louisiana State University (1968) and a Master's of Science degree from the University of Florida (1970).

In 1970, Richard began his career with the University of Florida Cooperative Extension Service and in 1978 transferred to the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension. During his tenure with the UGA Cooperative Extension Service, Richard served in Statesboro, Cedartown and Columbus. While serving as Columbus Extension Director, he served as an Adjunct Faculty Member of the UGA Fanning Leadership Center from 1990 until 1999.

Richard was no stranger to Public Service prior to being elected State Representative for House District 131. Richard served as Columbus Interim City Manager (12/15/1989). He served four years, from January of 1999 until December of 2002, on the Columbus City Council in an at-large post while serving one of those years as Budget Chair. He is a founding board member of the Chattahoochee Valley Community Foundation, former President of the Chattahoochee Valley Fair and Exposition, member of the Columbus Downtown Rotary Club, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Columbus.

Richard was first elected to the Georgia House of Representatives on November 2, 2004 and sworn-in on January 10, 2005. Richard is currently serving his fifth term in the Georgia House of Representatives where he represents portions of Muscogee and Harris counties. His committee assignments include: Chairman - House Insurance Committee (since 2011), Appropriations, Natural Resources and Environment, Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment, and Rules Committees (Secretary).