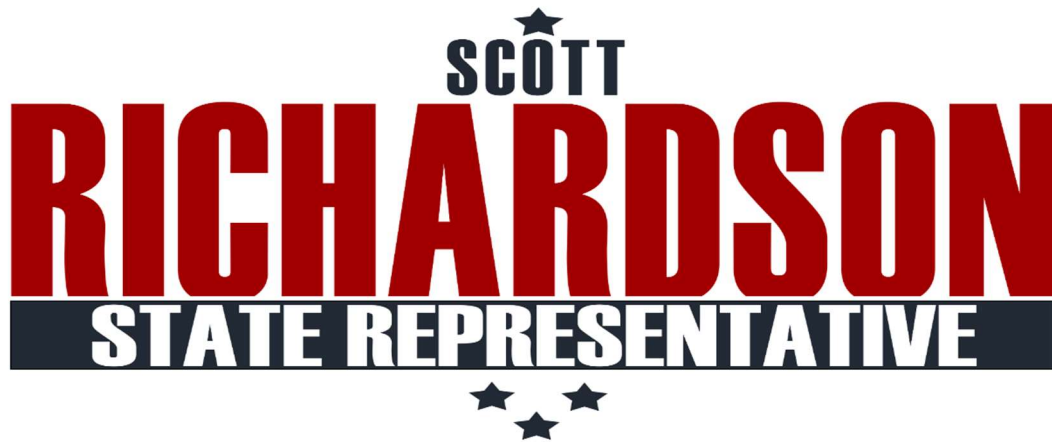




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BENTONVILLE, AR – Arkansas State Representative Scott Richardson today announced the launch of his reelection campaign for District 13. He highlighted a highly productive 2025 Arkansas General Session where he championed critical legislation benefiting families, students, and communities across the state.

"I am incredibly proud of the work we have accomplished," said Representative Richardson. "From strengthening our education system to providing much-needed tax relief, we've delivered on our promise to create a safer, healthier, and more prosperous NWA."

Representative Richardson detailed several key legislative achievements from the recently concluded session, underscoring his dedication to the needs of his constituents:

Legislative Highlights from the 2025 General Session

- **Protecting Our Children and Empowering Educators:** As a leading advocate for student safety and teacher support, Representative Richardson proudly sponsored **HB 1062, the Teacher and Student Protection Act of 2025**. This vital legislation provides stronger protections for educators by ensuring that students removed from a classroom due to violent or abusive behavior cannot be placed back in a class with the same teacher or student against whom the behavior was directed. This bill ensures teachers have the necessary authority to maintain a safe and conducive learning environment. Furthermore, he was the drafter and primary sponsor of legislation to ensure every Arkansas student receives **firearm safety "don't touch, go tell" training**, providing a practical approach to help reduce accidental firearm discharges involving youth.
- **Delivering Tax Relief to Arkansas Families:** Representative Richardson was a strong proponent of fiscal responsibility and alleviating financial burdens on Arkansans. He supported the **elimination of the state grocery tax**, a landmark achievement that will provide significant relief to families at the checkout line. During the 2025 Session, Representative Richardson also maintained his 100% voting record for all tax reductions and continued his commitment to providing property tax relief by championing legislation to **freeze real estate property taxes for all Arkansans**.

- **Enhancing Public Safety and Property Owners' Rights:** Representative Richardson supported legislation to **prohibit registered sex offenders from entering public water parks, swimming areas, or children's playgrounds**, reinforcing community safety.
- **Bolstering State Technology and Cybersecurity:** Recognizing the critical need for robust cybersecurity, Representative Richardson championed the **Arkansas Cybersecurity Act of 2025 (HB 1549)** during the 2025 session, bolstering the state's defenses against cyber threats. He was also the primary sponsor for **HB 1557**, a new law now requiring state agencies to follow guidelines approved by the Legislature for all Information Technology projects. This measure eliminates waste and ensures the work of state agencies aligns with the needs of the people of Arkansas.

"My focus in the legislature has always been on practical solutions that make a real difference in people's lives," Representative Richardson added. "The 2025 session showcased our commitment to these priorities, and I am eager to continue this important work for District 13 and all of Arkansas."

Representative Scott Richardson looks forward to continuing his service and advocating for the values and priorities of his constituents in the next legislative term.

About Representative R. Scott Richardson: Representative R. Scott Richardson is serving his second term in the Arkansas House of Representatives, representing District 13. He is a military veteran and the Director of Information Systems at CEI Engineering and Associates, Inc. He serves on the House Judiciary Committee; the House City, County, and Local Affairs Committee; the Joint Budget Committee; and the Joint Committee on Military and Veteran's Affairs.

For a full listing of Representative Richardson's accomplishments, bills he worked on, biography, and positions please visit <https://rscottrichardson.org>.

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