

Senator Cliff Hite

1st Senate District

Senator Cliff Hite is currently serving in his third General Assembly as a member of the Ohio Senate, representing the 1st Senate District, which encompasses an 11 county region of Northwest Ohio including all or part of Auglaize, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Logan, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, and Williams Counties. Prior to his appointment to the Senate, Hite served two terms in the Ohio House of Representatives.

For the third time during his tenure in the Senate, Hite has been tapped to preside as the Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture. Ohio's number-one industry, agriculture employs one in every seven Ohioans and contributes more than \$105 billion to the state's economy. In this important role, Hite oversees state policy for this important sector of Ohio's economy.

Prior to entering public service in Columbus, Senator Hite spent three decades teaching high school history and coaching football. He puts his passion for teaching and student success to use as the Vice-Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Education. He also serves as Chairman of the Finance Subcommittee on Education. His experience in the classroom makes Hite a leader in education policy in the Buckeye State.

Senator Hite remains an active member of the Northwest Ohio community, including service as a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks of Findlay. He is a member of the Hancock County Sports Hall of Fame, remains active as a high school Sunday school teacher at his church, and is an honorary member of Kiwanis International.

Hite has received numerous accolades for his service to the people of Ohio's 1st Senate District. He has been named a Defender of Liberty by the American Conservative Union and has been named Watchdog of the Treasury by the United Conservatives of Ohio every year he has been in office. He has also received the Golden Feather Award from the Ohio Poultry Association and been named Legislator of the Year by the Ohio Farmers Union and the Ohio Nursery & Landscaping Association.

Senator Hite holds a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education from the University of Kentucky, where he played quarterback for the Wildcats. He and his wife, Diane, reside in Findlay, Ohio. The couple has three grown children and four granddaughters.

