



STATE SENATOR ERIN HOUCHIN

SENATE DISTRICT 47

BIOGRAPHY

Erin Houchin represents the 47th District in the State Senate, which includes all of Crawford, Orange, Harrison, Perry and Washington counties and the eastern portion of Dubois County. She was first elected in 2014.

Houchin currently serves as Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy and as a member of the Senate Committees on Commerce and Technology; Elections; Family & Children Services; and Utilities. She is also a member and past Chair of the Indiana Commission for Improving the Status of Children.

Houchin is a leader on crime and public safety issues, and has authored legislation to protect our communities. In 2017, she authored a bill to increase State Police Officer pay - and worked to ensure the increase was included in the state budget. She authored legislation that allows prosecutors to stack quantities of heroin sold over a 90-day period for an enhanced sentence - cracking down on those who push drugs on our streets.

She has also worked on legislation that combats the prescription drug epidemic by requiring doctors to search a patient's prescription history to prevent over-prescribing and doctor hopping. For her efforts, Houchin received the 2017 Legislative Excellence Award from the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council.



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Houchin has been a vocal advocate for expanding access to affordable and efficient broadband services to rural underserved communities, and was named Legislator of the Year by the Indiana Broadband and Technology Association for legislation she authored.

As a member of the Pro-Life Women's Caucus, Houchin has maintained a 100 percent voting record on pro-life issues, passed the only pro-life bill of the 2017 legislative session and has been endorsed by Indiana Right to Life and the Susan B. Anthony List. She is also a strong supporter of Hoosiers' Second Amendment rights, and has been endorsed by the National Rifle Association. Houchin received her bachelor's degree from Indiana University and holds a master's degree in political management from The George Washington University.

Before getting involved in public service, Houchin worked for the safety and success of children in roles with the Indiana Department of Child Services, the Community Alliance Promoting Education, New Hope Services and Prevent Child Abuse Indiana.

Prior to serving in the State Senate, Houchin served as the southeast Indiana regional director for U.S. Senator Dan Coats and was a governor's appointee to the Indiana Commission for Women.

Erin and her husband, Dustin, live in Salem with their three children, where they are active members of Mount Tabor Christian Church.



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