



STATE SENATOR ERIN HOUCHIN

SENATE DISTRICT 47

BIOGRAPHY

Erin Houchin represents State Senate District 47, 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 on the Senate Committees on Commerce and Technology; Elections; Family and Children Services; Homeland Security and Transportation; Utilities; and Veterans Affairs and the Military. She is also a former Chairman of the Indiana Commission for Improving the Status of Children.

Houchin is a leader on crime and public safety issues and has authored key legislation to protect Hoosier communities. She authored a bill to increase State Police Officer pay and worked to ensure the increase was included in the state budget, passed legislation cracking down on the worst of the worst drug offenders, and works to give our law enforcement officers the tools they need to be successful and keep our families safe. For her efforts, Houchin received the 2017 Legislative Excellence Award from the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council.

As the mother of three school aged children, Houchin understands the importance of ensuring each Hoosier child receives the quality education they need and deserve, and has authored and passed legislation to support students, parents, and teachers alike. Recently, she passed legislation requiring schools to provide accommodations to students with certain disabilities, to the extent allowed under federal law, on every section of statewide testing assessments, ensuring children have the tools needed to succeed and excel. She has continually voted to expand K-12 education funding to record levels and increase the Teacher Appreciation Grant funding.



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Houchin has also been a vocal advocate for expanding access to affordable and efficient broadband services to rural, underserved communities. She was named Legislator of the Year by the Indiana Broadband and Technology Association in 2015 for legislation she authored and passed, which created a grant program for broadband infrastructure projects in communities that need it most.

As a member of the Pro-Life Women's Caucus, Houchin has maintained a 100% 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. She is the President and Founder of Contend Communications, Inc., a communications, media relations, and campaign consultancy company with clients across the state.

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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