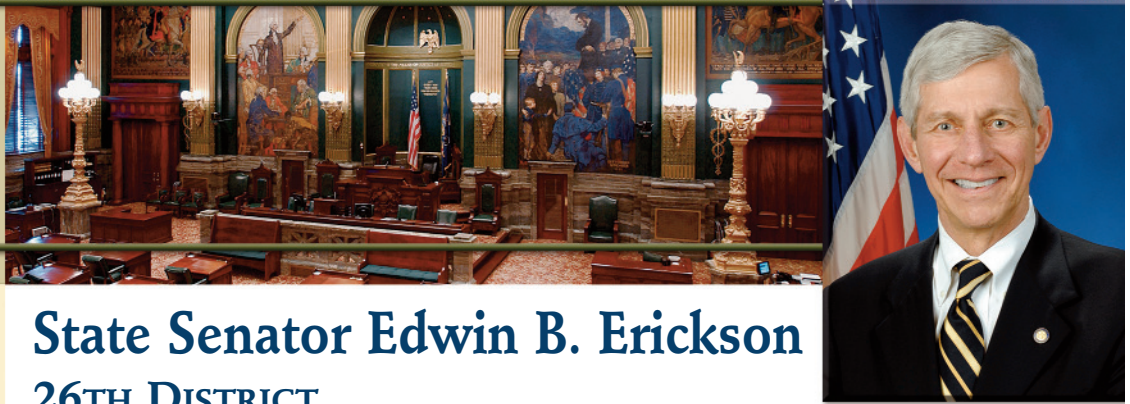


# Profile



## State Senator Edwin B. Erickson 26TH DISTRICT

*Portions of Chester and Delaware Counties*

### **Career**

Prior to being elected to the State Senate in 2001, Edwin "Ted" Erickson served for nine years as Executive Director of Delaware County, overseeing government operations in one of the largest counties in the Commonwealth. Senator Erickson had previously been elected to Delaware County Council, serving as a member from 1982 to 1989 and as chairman (1987-1989).

From 1989 to 1992, Senator Erickson was in charge of implementing federal environmental programs as Regional Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III. He was responsible for a workforce of approximately 1,000 people overseeing environmental standards in a region covering Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Rounding out his experience in government, Senator Erickson worked from 1976 to 1982 as Chief Administrative Officer of Upper Darby Township, running the day-to-day operation of township government. Prior to that, he served as Upper Darby's Director of Public Health, administering laws governing public health in the township.

Outside of government service, Senator Erickson was an educator. From 1969 to 1973 he was a tenured Assistant Professor of Biology at Hamilton College, teaching microbiology, biochemistry and general biology. Senator Erickson also taught general biology, anatomy and physiology, cell physiology and zoology at Drexel University and East Stroudsburg State College (1962-1969).

Senator Erickson has had three articles published in professional science journals, and is a former member of the prestigious Army Science Board, serving as an advisor to the U.S. Army on scientific and technological matters.

### **Education**

Senator Erickson received a B.S. in biology and chemistry from Albright College and a Ph.D. in biochemistry and microbiology from Bryn Mawr College. He was recently selected to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award from Albright College.

### **Committees/Caucuses/Commissions**

Senator Erickson serves as Chairman of the Senate Majority Policy Committee, which is responsible for gathering the information necessary to determine the impact of policy decisions on the citizens of Pennsylvania. Senator Erickson also serves as Vice Chairman of the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, and as a member of the Communications and Technology, Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, Law and Justice, and Public Health and Welfare Committees.

Senator Erickson is also a member of the following caucuses: Arthritis Caucus, Autism Caucus, Biotechnology/Life Science Caucus, Delaware River Basin Caucus, Delaware River Port Caucus, Firefighter and Emergency Services Caucus, and Pro-Life Caucus.

In addition, Senator Erickson serves on the Local Government Commission, Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority, and Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency Board of Directors.

### **Community Service**

Community Action Agency; Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission; Delaware County Human Services Partnership; Pennsylvania Resources Council; March of Dimes; Scouting for Food; Green Space Alliance; Delaware County Transportation Management Association; Delaware County Community College Educational Foundation; Delaware County Economic Development Partnership; Partnership for the Delaware Estuary.

### **Personal**

Senator Erickson and wife Katherine live in Newtown Square and have a son, Jonathan.

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