

Ron Richard Biography:

[Currently] President Pro Tem of the Missouri State Senate

Born July 4, 1947 [no wonder he got into politics], in Parson, Kan.

He received a Bachelor of Arts in history with a minor in political science from Missouri Southern State University in 1969 and a Master of Arts in recent American history from Missouri State University in 1972.

He and his wife, Patty, have two children, Kara and Chad and four grandchildren: Natalie, Landon, Molly and Claire.

He has full duties with C & N Bowl Corp. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Joplin City Council, from 1990 to 1994; Mayor of Joplin, from 1994 to 1997. Elected to the House: 2002-2008. Chair of House Economic Development Committee, 2004 - 2006; Speaker of the House, 2008 – 2010. Elected to the Senate: 2010, 2014. Elected Majority Floor leader in 2014. Elected President Pro Tem of the Senate in 2015. He is the first person ever in the history of the State of Missouri to serve as Speaker of the House and President Pro Tem of the Senate. Republican.

[received the above from a member of Ron's staff]