

Senator Jason Barrett

Senator Jason Barrett is a Republican representing West Virginia's 16th Senate District, which includes Berkeley County. Born on July 16, 1982, in Martinsburg, West Virginia, Barrett is a small business owner in the restaurant industry and a graduate of Shepherd University. He lives in Martinsburg with his wife, Summer, and their two children, Berkeley and Vandalia. Barrett began his political career in the West Virginia House of Delegates, serving District 61 from 2012 to 2014 and again from 2016 to 2022. Originally elected as a Democrat, he switched to the Republican Party in December 2020 shortly after winning re-election. Since joining the Senate in December 2022, Barrett has focused on legislation related to tax reform, education funding, public safety, and economic development. He has also sponsored bills addressing gender-related medical treatments and the legalization of fixed-odds horse and dog racing. His committee assignments for the 2023–2024 session include Finance, Banking and Insurance, Energy, Government Organization (where he serves as Vice Chair), Pensions, and Transportation and Infrastructure. Barrett's political trajectory and legislative priorities reflect a conservative approach aligned with West Virginia's shifting political landscape.