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**Senator Phil Berger**  
**President Pro Tempore**  
**NC Senate**

Phil Berger grew up in Danville, Virginia, in a working-class family that taught him the value of hard work. After school, Phil married his high school sweetheart, Pat, and worked in a local factory and then as a produce manager of a grocery store while raising two young kids and attending college. He became the first in his family to graduate, from what is now Averett University. Still raising a young family and working long hours to make ends meet, Phil attended law school at Wake Forest University and graduated early. He practiced law briefly in Charlotte and Raleigh before settling in Eden, where he still lives with Pat and runs the Berger Law Firm. Phil and Pat have three kids - Phil Jr., Kevin and Ashley - and six grandkids.



Phil Berger was first elected to the State Senate in 2000. His colleagues elected him minority leader in 2004, and President Pro Tempore in 2010 after Republicans won a Senate majority for the first time since the 19th Century.