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Senator Paul Newton
State Senator
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Senator Paul Newton was born in Smithfield, North Carolina, and grew up in Eden, North Carolina. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Juris Doctorate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1982 and 1985. He graduated from the Harvard Advanced Management program in 2008.

Following law school, Senator Newton joined the Hinkle Law Firm in New Mexico for five years and returned to North Carolina to serve as a lawyer for Duke Power Company, becoming General Counsel of Duke's national utility operations. He then moved into the business realm to serve as Senior Vice President of Strategy, Rates, Wholesale Customers, Commodities, and Analytics. He finally served as Duke Energy's North Carolina State President before retiring in September 2015 after 25 years with the company.



Senator Newton currently serves as the state senator for District 34, which is in Cabarrus County. Now in his fourth term in the N.C. Senate, he has been a leader in tax cuts for all North Carolinians, efficient regulation of business, sound energy policy, election integrity, parental and school choice, and a champion of law enforcement. In 2023, he was elected by his peers to serve as Senate Majority Leader for the biennium.

Senator Newton is a Co-Chair of the Senate Finance and Senate Redistricting and Elections Committees and is a member of five other standing committees: Agriculture, Energy, and Environment; Commerce and Insurance; Judiciary; Rules and Operations of the Senate and the Select Committee on Nominations. He co-chairs the Life Science Caucus and participates in Motor Sports and Prayer caucuses. Senator Newton and his wife, Melanie, have been married for 37 years and live in Mount Pleasant. They have four children and four grandchildren.