

## **Jeff Wentworth**

**Occupation:** Attorney/REALTOR®

**Education:** Alamo Heights High School, San Antonio; Texas A&M University, B.A.; Texas Tech University School of Law, J. D.

**Legislative Experience:** House Member, 1988 - 1993; Senate Member, 1993 - present

**Hometown:** San Antonio

**Party:** Republican

Senator Jeff Wentworth is serving his seventh term in the Texas Senate where he was president pro tem in 2004 -2005 and where he was inaugurated as Governor of Texas for a Day on November 20, 2004.

Senator Wentworth, a fourth generation Texan, was first elected to the Texas Senate in 1992 after serving nearly five years in the Texas House of Representatives. He represents the more than 900,000 people of District 25, which consists of Comal, Hays, Kendall and Guadalupe Counties as well as north Bexar County and south Travis County.

He is chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Open Government, and serves on the Select Committee on Redistricting; Higher Education; Administration; Transportation and Homeland Security; and Intergovernmental Relations Committees. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Natural Resources Foundation of Texas, the Board of Directors of the Austin Community College Center for Public Policy and Political Studies, and the Texas Judicial Council.

Jeff's public service prior to the Texas Legislature includes one year as a university system regent, six years as a county commissioner, two years as a city attorney, three years as a Congressional assistant, and three years' active duty as a United States Army counterintelligence officer.

Among his younger-life experience, he worked as a newspaper boy, television station copy boy, waiter, dishwasher, library clerk, and taxicab driver.

A 1958 graduate of Alamo Heights High School in San Antonio, Jeff earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Texas A&M University in 1962. He served in the United States Army from 1962-65, and he was an assistant to Republican United States Congressman Bob Price of Texas from 1966-68 and from 1971-72.

He worked as a general assignments reporter for the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* for a year, and another year as an assistant to the Lubbock County Attorney while he worked on his law degree at Texas Tech University School of Law. He served as vice president of his high school student body, senior class officer in college, and president of his law school student body. In addition, he served as national president of the American Bar Association Law Student Division. In 2000, Senator Wentworth was named the Distinguished Alumnus of Texas Tech University School of Law.

Senator Wentworth is a member of the National Executive Committee of the Council of State Governments. He is chairman of the board of trustees of the 21st Century Foundation of the Council of State Governments and served as the 2008-09 chairman of the 16-state Southern Legislative Conference. He is a member of the American Council of Young Political Leaders' Board of Trustees.

Senator Wentworth, a practicing attorney, is a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, as well as the San Antonio Bar Foundation. He is admitted to practice law in both the District of Columbia and Texas.

He is married to Karla Wentworth, a licensed professional interior designer. Jeff and Karla have two sons, Jason and Matthew.

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