

Indiana State House Profiles



Name: Todd Huston

Position: State Representative and Indiana Speaker of the House

Served in the Role Since: Representative since 2012 and Speaker since 2020

Previous Political Positions Held:

Hamilton Southeastern School Board (2002-2005)

Describe, in general, your role within the Indiana Government.

I serve as the state representative for Indiana House District 37 in the Indiana House of Representatives. In my role as a state representative, I use input from members of my community to ensure their voice is part of the conversation during the law making process. I also serve in a leadership role within the House of Representatives as Speaker of the House of Representatives.

What are some of your most important daily responsibilities?

The Indiana state legislature is a part-time legislature, which means a majority of the representatives and senators also have careers back in the districts they represent. While we are only in session for 3-4 months out of the year, my role as state representative does not end when session adjourns. As I work my full-time job back in the district, I am still in daily communication with constituents. Sometimes this is just to hear and learn more about their opinions and concerns, or sometimes I can help them solve problems they are having with state government. I also work on legislation during the off-season to ensure the policies being considered are thoroughly vetted.

As the Speaker of House of Representatives, I direct the chamber during each legislative session day. This includes managing the House calendar of bills to be voted on, opening and closing the voting machines, recognizing members to speak on and debate legislation, as well as other various logistical duties during the session proceedings.

How does your position require you to interact with other government officials on a daily basis?

Having strong relationships with your colleagues is extremely important in any role, but especially important when you are working on issues that affect the entire state. During session, I am in constant communication with both the Republican and Democrat leaders in the Indiana General Assembly. We all work together to plan each session day as well as discuss legislation that is being considered. I also work closely with Governor Holcomb. He is very involved in the policymaking process and gives final approval to every bill we pass, but he also sometimes helps us with constituent questions as he oversees all of the executive state agencies like the Bureau of Motor Vehicles or Department of Child Services. While not as frequently as the governor and General Assembly leadership, I also collaborate with Secretary of State Holi Sullivan, Attorney General Todd Rokita, Treasurer of State Kelly Mitchell, and even the justices of the Supreme Court on various issues.

What do you think is the most important aspect of Government?

I believe the role of government is to uphold the freedoms and liberties guaranteed to the citizens of this country through the U.S. Constitution, and to Hoosiers through our State Constitution. As a state legislator, I believe the most important aspect of this role is crafting good state policy and making sure Hoosiers' voices are heard during that process.

How did you get involved in Government? What made you want to run for office?

I ran for office because I love the state of Indiana, and I care about making our state a great place to live, work and raise a family. I want to make a difference in my community, and help my neighbors, friends, and family and believe public service is a great way to do so.

What advice would you give to young people that are interested in learning more about Government or becoming involved in public service?

The first thing I tell young people is to get interested and stay involved. The best thing you can do to become involved in public service is to educate yourself about how our system of government is run. This is done not just in the classroom (which is incredibly important!) but also through practical experience, volunteering, attending local political events, and putting yourself out there. There is nothing more encouraging to me than seeing an enthusiastic young person expressing a genuine interest for their community. Any young person that is willing to put themselves out there by working hard and speaking up for what they believe has my respect, and I'm certain this is the type of person who will thrive in public service.