



2022 Kansas Economic Policy Conference



Representative Jim Kelly District 11 Kansas House of Representatives

Jim Kelly was born and raised in Independence; he is a graduate of Independence High School, Independence Community College and Emporia State University. Kelly also graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Kelly went to work for Citizens National Bank in Independence in 1969 and continued with the bank when it converted to Commerce Bank in 1998 and Community National Bank & Trust in 2008. In June, Kelly completed his 53rd year at the bank.

Kelly is married to Eloise Meyer-Kelly, a retired Speech Pathologist, and they have one daughter, Beth a graduate of Pittsburg State University and Washburn Law School.

In January of 2011 Kelly was appointed to fill the 12th District Kansas House seat being vacated by Representative Jeff King when he was appointed to fill the remaining Senate term of Derek Schmidt. Kelly has since won re-election in the new 11th District House seat on five (5) separate election cycles starting in 2012.

Representative Kelly has served on a variety of committees throughout his twelve (12) year legislative career – Corrections, Judiciary, Pensions, Insurance, Taxation, Health & Human Services, and of course Financial Institutions; four (4) years as vice chair and now in his sixth (6th) year as Chairman of the Financial Institutions & Rural Development Committee. Kelly did not run for re-election this year and will retire from the legislature at the end of his current term.