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**GOVERNOR BILL CLINTON  
ARKANSAS**

Bill Clinton, 45, the 42nd governor of Arkansas, is only the second person in the state's history to be elected to five terms as governor.

In a June, 1991, Newsweek survey, his fellow governors ranked Clinton the most effective governor in the country.

In Arkansas he has worked to improve education and increase employment.

Arkansas has led all surrounding states in job growth for several years and its education improvements have been nationally recognized. They include increases in test scores, high school graduation and college going rates, and reductions in racial gaps in student achievement.

In 1991, Governor Clinton and the Legislature enacted one of the most sweeping legislative programs in the state's history, including major education, health and environmental packages, a highway program, tougher child support and domestic abuse laws and tax cuts for low and middle income Arkansans.

Governor Clinton served as co-chair of the President's Education Summit with Governors and played a major role in drafting the National Education Goals. He also represented the nation's governors in working with Congress and the White House to restructure the nation's welfare laws in 1987 and 1988.

Governor Clinton is former chairman of the Democratic Leadership Council, past chairman of the National Governors' Association, the Education Commission of the States and the Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission. He currently serves as co-chairman of the NGA Task Force on Health Care.

Clinton, a fifth-generation Arkansan, received a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University. He was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, and earned his law degree from Yale University.

His wife, Hillary, an attorney, chairs the Board of Directors of the Children's Defense Fund and the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession. She served on the Carnegie Commission on Education and the Economy. In 1983, she chaired the Education Standards Committee which developed Arkansas' education reform program. The Clintons have one child, Chelsea, a student in the Little Rock Public Schools.