



## Lawton Mainor Chiles

**Party:** Democratic • **Chamber:** Senate

**State:** FL

### Biography

A Senator from Florida. Born in Lakeland, Polk County, Fla. , April 3, 1930. Attended the Lakeland public schools. Graduated University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla. , 1952, and from the law school of the same university in 1955. Served in the United States Army as artillery officer during Korean Conflict 1953-1954. Admitted to the Florida bar in 1955 and commenced practice in Lakeland. Member, Florida house of representatives 1958-1966. Member, Florida State senate 1966-1970. Businessman, banker, and industrial developer. Chairman, Florida Law Revision Commission 1968-1970. Elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1970. Reelected in 1976 and again in 1982, and served from January 3, 1971, to January 3, 1989. Chairman, Special Committee on Aging (Ninety-Sixth Congress), Committee on the Budget (One Hundredth Congress). Was not a candidate for reelection in 1988. Elected Governor of Florida in 1990. Reelected Governor in 1994. Was not a candidate for reelection in 1998. Was a resident of Tallahassee, Fla. , until his death on December 12, 1998. Funeral services held at Faith Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee following a procession from Century, Fla. , to Tallahassee. Interment on privately owned property known as "Jubilee," in Leon County, Fla.

### Legislative Activity (–)

**Bills sponsored:** 0

**Bills cosponsored:** 0