

Michigan State Senate District 28

3 Candidates on the November 6, 2018 ballot

Duties: The Michigan Senate shares responsibility with the Michigan House of Representatives to enact new laws and amend or repeal existing laws.

Qualifications: State Senators may serve a maximum of two full terms. They must be at least 21 years of age and a registered voter in their district. There are 38 State Senate districts which are re-apportioned after each census.

Term: 4 years Vote for ONE (1)

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Occupation / Current Position: Michigan State Senator, 28th District

Education: Michigan State University, BA - General Business Administration

Qualifications / Experience: In the private sector; I owned a small business for 14 years, (employing 12-14) as an indoor ventilation specialist. In the public sector: I served as a township planning commissioner, trustee & supervisor. I served as a state representative from '11 to '14. Currently serving as a state senator since 2015.

Questions:

1. PRIORITIES: What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?

A: My top 3 priorities are 1) Education, from early childhood through skilled training. I am a huge proponent of preventative measures that provide quantified outcomes. Helping our toddlers to read as well as directing our high school students toward meaningful careers will be key to our state's success. 2) Maintaining the robust funding of our roads & infrastructure so we don't fall behind again like we did in the last decade. 3) We need to continue the job creation & growth for our younger and transitioning populations. This is done by providing a consistent and predictable business environment for our job providers.

2. EDUCATION: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes and accessibility for Michigan students from early childhood through post-secondary education?

A: Making sure our students are proficient readers by 3rd grade is important to the success of our state. Children learn to read from early childhood to 3rd grade, & then read to learn thereafter. Our investment in early childhood has just begun & the outcomes over the next few years should show gains. As for post-secondary we need to start discussing how to prepare our students for career readiness training, not just college. I passed legislation, now PA 231 called the Workforce & Talent Development Act to revise the student's EDP plan to include information on career opportunities starting in the middle school.

3. ECONOMY: What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?

A: When I first ran for state office, I promised to help create an economic environment so that Michigan residents can thrive. I want our state to be a place where if you work hard & play by the rules, you can get ahead. Michigan's economy is booming, & unemployment is at a record low because the state has created a consistent & predictable environment so that our job providers can expand & grow without heavy handed taxation & over-burdensome regulation. This environment must continue so that our job providers, and the state, can help those who want to be employed but have barriers such as reliable transportation.

4. ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?

A: I am for more accountability & transparency for our state campaign funding and voting rights. I want as many people as possible to have the opportunity to participate in this awesome privilege we have in voting. I have supported several reforms to expand access to voting, which includes the passage of no-reason absentee voting in Michigan. There is too much out-state influence on both sides of the aisle when it comes to campaign finance and ballot proposals. Both parties are guilty of receiving money from large organizations outside the state. What's right for California or Colorado isn't always right for us.

5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan's water, air and land for current and future generations, while meeting the state's energy needs? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of Enbridge Pipeline 5.

A: Besides the people, the Great Lakes is the best part of Michigan. We need to protect these resources through best practices & sound scientific data. Michigan water is at more risk today than ever before, whether the threat comes from polluters or Asian Carp, we need common-sense advocates & sound solutions for our natural resources. Solutions must come from all segments of our state, not only government, but industry, research, educators, and citizens. The status quo for Line 5 is not acceptable. I support the solution of putting the pipes in a tunnel under the straights and more oversight by the Bridge Authority.

6. JUSTICE: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our state?

A: Communication, respect, & common courtesy for each other is the key to helping promote social & racial justice. We need to learn how to better accommodate, find opportunities & help the needs of all its citizens of our state. I passed legislation in 2014 called Fostering Future Scholarship Fund Act creating a trust fund & scholarships for aged-out foster care children who want to enroll at an institution of higher education. This program not only helps financially but also provides mentoring. I will continue to champion policies & programs like Fostering Future that will provide opportunities for all to succeed.

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Occupation / Current Position: Retired High School Social Studies Educator..years 32

Education: Graduated from Michigan State University

Qualifications / Experience: Educator for 32 years. Past Otisco township trustee and Otisco Township zoning board

Questions:

1. PRIORITIES: What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?

A: GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY Michigan is ranked last, 50th in governmental accountability and transparency.....last. This must change. Citizenry must be confident in the representatives they elect. Currently the citizens of Michigan do not trust the government they elected. Confidence comes from openness and transparency. When elected I will make public my daily schedule by posting on facebook and full transparency on finances. Environment We must protect our water resources. We must put people above profits. Education This is the foundation of a successful society. Educational reform is vital.

2. EDUCATION: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes and accessibility for Michigan students from early childhood through post-secondary education?

A: An educational system is the back bone to the success of all societies. The number of teachers applying for entry in educational degree programs in our state is plummeting. Precious few high school students consider pursuing a career in education. This is an ominous sign for the future of quality education in our state. Per pupil funding in Michigan has not kept up with the inflation rate and for many years was cut. I would provide strong and stable funding for school districts in our state. I also support the TeA+chers for Michigan education plan — a 21st-century overhaul of the state's K-12 schools.

3. ECONOMY: What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?

A: Our state is plagued by a shrinking middle class and a growing wealth gap. A thriving middle class is essential to the health of our economy and more importantly the stability of our families. Individuals and families must take priority in developing economic policies which improve standards of living for all residents in Michigan. Join with me as I put people over profit and work to ensure that the citizens of our state are the number one priority of state government. From day one I will support the Michigan Jobs First Plan. This initiative would give in state companies and businesses priority in Michigan.

4. ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?

A: I support citizens movement to stop political gerrymandering. I demand stronger FOIA requirements for our elected officials. I oppose all dark money contributions and the revolving door policy of former politicians becoming lobbyists. I support more access to voting which would include on line voter registration and no cause early and absentee voting.

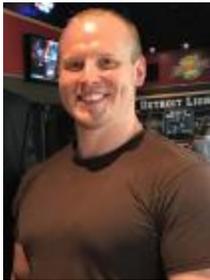
5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan's water, air and land for current and future generations, while meeting the state's energy needs? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of Enbridge Pipeline 5.

A: The Flint water crisis, PFAS water crisis in Rockford and the Nestle situation near Evart are symptoms of a problem that has ultimately diminished the health of many Michigan residents. These events illustrate a flawed system of state governance. Michiganders deserve more and better protection through the Department of Environmental Quality. A foundational function of the DEQ is the protection of the citizens of Michigan and the oversight of the purity of our states natural resources. This has not occurred under current leadership and as a result thousands have suffered. I support the shutdown of Line 5.

6. JUSTICE: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our state?

A: Diversity matters! It creates a dynamic, vibrant and talented state. I will make no windows into the souls of citizens. State government must create the framework for all to succeed. It must protect the rights of all citizens. Social and racial justice are key components of a thriving economy. Success sees no color, no sexual orientation or ethnic heritage. When all are treated fairly in the marketplace all have the ability to achieve their full potential. The foundation of justice is education. Education helps the individual to discern based on character.

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Occupation / Current Position I manage construction projects for Meijer.

Education Reed City High School. Bachelor's - Ferris State University in Construction Management. Associates from FSU in Business Associates from FSU in Building Trades Management.

Qualifications / Experience 1. Former small business owner. 2. Managed Over \$300 million worth of construction projects since 2010. 4. My wife and I started our family at 18 and I paid my way through college and supported my wife and 3 kids by the age of 21. (I know how to stretch a dollar). 5. Former MMA fighter. (I have the Grit and tenacity to fight for your rights.)

Questions:

1. PRIORITIES: What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?

A. 1. Reduce taxes and end corporate welfare and subsidies. divert existing tax revenue to the priorities of education and infrastructure. Then return the remaining funds to the people. 2. Eliminating unnecessary occupational licensing. Many current license requirements are not in place to protect the public but to protect politician's supporters from small business competition. You shouldn't need a license to braid and shampoo hair or install gutters and siding. 3. I support the "Drop the Cap" initiative proposed by Bill Gelineau dropping the State spending cap from 9.49 to 8.5% of GDP(5% higher than current spending)

2. EDUCATION: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes and accessibility for Michigan students from early childhood through post-secondary education?

A. Funding student's education not just traditional schooling 1.Choice: Establish complete school choice. Including public schools, charter school, home school, online education, and education savings accounts. 2.Funding: Make all "Proposal A" funds a uniform foundation grant. 100% of the funds should be available for students to cover their education costs. 3.Accountability: Requirements for quality and transparency applied uniformly to all schools. Improve teacher quality through an evaluation system concerned with student results. Educators that we trust with our youth must be held accountable for the outcomes.

3. ECONOMY: What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?

- A.** 1. Reduce barriers for small businesses and start-ups by eliminating occupational licensing for jobs that do not affect public safety and removing obsolete regulations that tie up small businesses with red tape. 2. The Drop-the-Cap initiative: <https://liberty4gov.org/drop-the-cap/> , is an important step that will inspire confidence attract businesses inspire investment in Michigan. Without politicians doling out cash to their special interests. 3. Ending corporate welfare and stop wasting money on cannabis and hemp prohibition using those funds to invest in students, infrastructure and return the rest to the voters.

4. ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?

- A.** Many votes are discounted and elections are swayed by partisan Gerrymandering, winner take all Electoral College and unreasonable restrictions on voters. I believe 3 common sense reforms could be put in place in the next 4 years to give power back to the constituents: 1. Ranked Choice Voting. 2. Electoral College Reapportionment. 3. Addition of a mandatory "Students T Test" partisanship review for redistricting- (a simple statistical analysis to evaluate if the districts are being set up fairly.) For more detail on these ideas please visit: <https://www.nathanhewer4liberty.com/issues/>

5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan's water, air and land for current and future generations, while meeting the state's energy needs? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of Enbridge Pipeline 5.

- A.** Energy: I support freeing up the energy market by phasing out the politically granted monopolies that currently supply our power. Free the people to buy power and gas at the cheapest price available. Environment: I support a elimination of unnecessary regulation and an increase in criminal liability to those who knowingly break the laws that remain. Make the codes minimal, easy to understand and strictly enforced. If a business or individual knowingly hurt or endangered the public it should be a criminal case. No more hiding in the red tape and regulations and no more paying to get out of criminal acts.

6. JUSTICE: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our state?

- A.** Nathan Hewer 1. Legalization of marijuana commute the sentences on nonviolent drug convictions. The failed prohibition has had a devastating and disproportional effect on minority communities. Divert the \$500 million annual savings to education, infrastructure and tax reduction. 2. Eliminate corporate welfare and funding for special interest projects. We should not be taxing people (disproportionately minorities) to fund billionaires failed ventures and political pet projects. 3. Eliminate civil asset forfeiture. in 2017 \$13.1million in assets,including homes transportation and protection. was confiscated without due process.

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