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SD - 3 - Wayne County Replacing Termed Out Sen. Irma Clark-Coleman - D - Detroit

Morris **HOOD**, 45, a Detroit Democrat, is a former three-term House member, serving in the 11th House District. In the House, Hood was the chair of the Joint Capital Outlay Committee. His father, the late Morris **HOOD Jr.**, served in the House for 28 years. Hood said he believes affordable health insurance is one of the most important issues his district faces. He is proud to have written a bill that names a stretch of Interstate 96 The Rosa Parks Memorial Highway.



SD-4 - Wayne County Replacing Termed Out Sen. Buzz Thomas - D - Detroit

Virgil K. **SMITH**, 30, a Detroit Democrat, is a former three-term House member who served as the chair of the House Insurance Committee before he was termed out of office. Smith is an entrepreneur and business owner. He is a partner in Auto Executives, LLC, which buys and sells vehicles from outside vendors for private clients. He also works as a private consultant and is working toward his Master's degree in Public Administration from Western Michigan University.



SD - 7 - Wayne County Replacing Termed Out Sen. Bruce Patterson - R - Canton

Patrick **COLBECK**, 45, a Canton Republican, is a management consultant and former aerospace engineer. He served as treasurer of Canton Charter Academy Board. His top issue is the economy and believes he can "demonstrate how to balance budgets by cutting spending, not raising taxes" and "restore state government to its constitutional boundaries." The pro-lifer supports term limits and a part-time legislature. He said he is signing a no tax pledge. He's at (734) 453-3105 or Patrick@colbeckformisenate.com.



SD - 8 - Wayne County Replacing Termed Out Sen. Ray Basham - D - Taylor

Hoon-Yung **HOPGOOD**, 35, is a Taylor Democrat and former House member who served all of his allowable three terms. The University of Michigan graduate also served as a legislative aide. He said he ran for the Senate to "serve my community, fight for the middle class and secure opportunities for the next generation." The pro-choicer supports a graduated income tax and doesn't support term limits or a part-time legislature. He lists the economy, job security and K-12 education as his district's most pressing issues. He's at (313) 510-4358 or hoonhop@hotmail.com.



SD - 9 - Macomb County Replacing Termed Out Sen. Dennis Olshove - D - Warren

Steven **BIEDA**, 49, a Warren Democrat, is a former three-term member of the House and former chair of House Tax Policy, where he was a chief architect in the creation of the Michigan Business Tax. The disability attorney received his law degree from the University of Detroit and two other degrees from Wayne State University. The self-described "pragmatic" Democrat has received the endorsement of former Rep. Lisa **WOJNO**, Reps. Jon **SWITALSKI** and Lesia **LISS**, Sen. Dennis **OLSHOVE**, Warren Mayor Jim **FOUTS**, and Warren Clerk Paul **WOJNO**. Bieda was the director of labor relations for the City of Warren and a senior policy analyst for the House from 1995-1999. He's at (586) 206-5500 and sbieda@juno.com.



SD - 11 - Macomb County Replacing Termed Out Sen. Alan Sanborn - R - Richmond

Jack **BRANDENBURG**, a Harrison Township Republican, is a former three-term House member who served on the House Appropriations Committee for all six years. He is the owner of Blue Water Industrial Supply Inc. He lists his top priority as reducing the size and cost of state government. He also believes job creation is an important issue in his district. He can be reached at (586) 465-7144 or at jbrandenburg@sbcglobal.net



SD - 15 - Oakland County Replacing Termed Out Sen. Nancy Cassis - R - Novi

Mike **KOWALL** is a former House member, a White Lake Township Supervisor and small business owner. In his last election, Kowall, husband of Rep. Eileen **KOWALL**, took 79 percent of the vote. He ran unopposed in both 2004 and 2008. Kowall lost by 88 votes in 2002 to now-Sen. Nancy Cassis for the Republican nomination in the 15th District. He's at (248) 425-1238 or at mike@kowallforsenate.com.

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SD -16 - Branch, Hillsdale, Lenawee and St. Joseph Counties Replacing Termed Out Sen. Cameron Brown - R - Sturgis
Bruce **CASWELL**, 60, a Hillsdale Republican, was termed out of the House in 2008. He said he's interested in returning to the Legislature, "to help rebuild Michigan into a small business state that will be the envy of the country." The former school superintendent, township supervisor and tax assessor ranks the economy, government reform and K-12 education as top priorities. The pro-lifer hasn't taken the no tax pledge and does not support a graduated income tax. He supports a part-time legislature and term limits with modifications. "The work can be done in four months, with less expense," he said. Caswell is at (517) 523-3067 or bcaswell@dmci.net.



SD-22 - Shiawassee, Livingston, Ingham (Part) Counties Replacing Termed Out Sen. Valde Garcia - R - Howell
Joe **HUNE**, 30, a Hamburg Republican, is a former three-term House member who currently works as a consultant. The former farmer and real estate professional earned a Bachelor's degree at Cleary University in financial planning. The pro-lifer supports racinos, but not a constitutional rewrite or a graduated income tax. The former chair of the House Insurance Committee will take the no tax pledge. "I want to work to improve our economy and help get our citizens back to work," Hune wrote. He's at (810) (231) 2489 or joe_hune@joe_hune.com.



SD - 26 - Genesee County Replacing Termed Out Sen. Deb Cherry - D - Burton
David **ROBERTSON**, 50, a Grand Blanc Republican, is a term-limited House member and former county commissioner who is currently an insurance agent. The University of Michigan-Flint graduate supports term limits and a part-time legislature. The pro-lifer and lifetime district resident has taken the no tax pledge, and names the economy, taxes, and government reform as his major issues. He's at (810) 730-1476 or robertsonforsenate@hotmail.com.



SD -31 - Arenac, Bay, Huron, Sanilac, Tuscola Counties Replacing Termed Out Sen. Jim Barcia - D - Bay City
Mike **GREEN**, 62, a Mayville Republican, is a former state House member and county commissioner known as the last elected officially to successfully get a rewrite of the Drain Code through the House. Currently a small business owner, Green has experience as a tool and die maker and a farmer. He received 39 percent in his 2002 Senate loss to Sen. Jim Barcia. The pro-lifer has taken the no tax pledge and lists "job security" as his district's No. 1 issue. He's at (989) 550-7430 or greenforsenate@gmail.com.



SD - 33 - Clinton, Isabella, Ionia and Montcalm Counties Replacing Termed Out Sen. Alan Cropsey - R - DeWitt
Former Rep. Judy **EMMONS**, the dairy farmer from Sheridan, captured the Republicans' nomination in the 33rd Senate District following the nomination of Rep. Brian **CALLEY** to be Lt. Governor. Emmons beat former Rep. Scott **HUMMEL** in a special election of district Republican officials. Term limited out of the House in 2008, Emmons returned to the Montcalm ISD board. While in the House she served on the Education, Insurance, Great Lakes & Environment, Commerce and Military & Veterans Affairs Committees among others.



SD - 36 - 10 Counties In NE MI - Replacing Termed Out Sen. Tony Stamas - R - Midland
John **MOOLENAAR**, 49, a Midland Republican, is a former three-term House member who served as the chair of the House K-12 Appropriations Subcommittee. He's also been the House Minority Vice Chair on Education. A former Midland City Council member, Moolenaar worked on the staff of then-Sen. Bill **SCHUETTE**. He began his career at Dow Chemical as a chemist/industry specialist developing new markets for products. The Hope College graduate received his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University. The pro-lifer is running on eliminating the Michigan Business Tax surcharge and supporting the Pure Michigan tourism promotion initiative. He is pro-Second Amendment. He's at moolenaarforsenate@gmail.com or (989) 835-7721.



SD -37 - 8 Counties In NW MI - Replacing Termed Out Sen. Jason Allen - R - Lake Leelanau
Howard **WALKER**, 55, a Traverse City Republican, is a former three-term House member who also served as a local Board of Education member. Walker has a Michigan Tech degree in forestry. He said he ran because "I want to bring my common sense, business experience and legislative experience to help fix Lansing and help Michigan live within its means." Walker could support a part-time legislature if "our bureaucracy was reformed to be made user-friendly." He's at (231) 922-8000 or howardwalker@charter.net.

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SD- 38 - 13 Counties In The Western UP - Replacing Termed Out Sen. Mike Prusi - D - Ispheming

Tom **CASPERSON**, 51, an Escanaba Republican, is a former three-term House member, who is currently the deputy director of northern Michigan for the Michigan Republican Party (MRP). Formerly, Casperson was the owner and operator of a log-trucking business. The lifetime district resident said he ran because "the voice of common sense and ordinary individuals is quiet in Lansing due to partisanship, term limits and special interests." The pro-lifer is not taking the no tax pledge and doesn't support a graduated income tax or a part-time legislature. He does support racinos. He's at (906) 563-1121 or casperson4senate@comcast.net.



HD - 2 - Northern Part of Detroit - Replacing Termed Out Rep. LaMar Lemmons Jr. - D - Detroit

Lisa L. **HOWZE**, a Detroit Democrat, has more than 15 years of public accounting and client service experience. She served four years as president of the Detroit chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants. She finished 12th in the Detroit City Council primary in 2009 and then 10th in the general election, one spot short of a place on the council. She's at (313) 899-7912.



HD - 3 - Part of Detroit - Replacing Termed Out Rep. Bettie Cook Scott - D - Detroit

Alberta Tinsley **TALABI**, a Detroit Democrat, served on the Detroit City Council from 1993 to 2009, when she finished 11th out of 18 candidates in the general election. A former county commissioner, Talabi was known as one of the more independent members on the council. The Eastern Michigan University graduate in social work is the founder of a community revitalization center. She's filed paperwork pledging not to spend more than \$1,000 on her campaign. She's at (313) 331-4644 or alberta4detroit@gmail.com.



HD - 4 - Part of Detroit - Replacing Rep. Coleman Young - D - Detroit Who Was Elected To The State Senate

Maureen **STAPLETON**, 44, a Detroit Democrat, is a former Detroit Public Schools teacher and local government administrator who now owns Community Enterprises. She had the backing of Wayne County Executive Bob **FICANO**, Sen. Irma **CLARK-COLEMAN** and Rep. Bert **JOHNSON**. She's lived in the district for most of her adult life. She finished second to now-Rep. Coleman **YOUNG** in the '06 Democratic primary with 21.5 percent of the vote.



HD - 5 - Highland Park/Hamtramck- Replacing Rep. Bert Johnson - D - Detroit Who Was Elected To The State Senate

John **OLUMBA**, a Detroit Democrat, is a lawyer who founded Exodus Community Empowerment, a community empowerment organization to help fight crime and rebuild neighborhoods. He's also vice president of Shelters of Love, a non-profit homeless outreach organization. He finished third in the 2008 primary with 590 votes. He's at information@olumbatoday.com or (313) 892-8975.



HD - 8 - Part of Detroit Replacing Termed Out Rep. George Cushingberry - D - Detroit

Thomas F. **STALLWORTH III**, a Detroit Democrat, is the brother of former Rep. Keith **STALLWORTH** and the son of former Rep. Alma **STALLWORTH**. The former Detroit School Board member and director of the Black Caucus' foundation spent 25 years of his career as an executive with MichCon and DTE Energy. In 2009 he helped launch the Take The LEAD Program to address issues of youth violence and substance abuse. "These issues must be addressed across our city and state to prepare children for competition in the 21st century global community," he said. He's at (313) 397-9366 or info@thomasstallworth.com.



HD - 10 - Part of Detroit Replacing Termed Out Rep. Gabe Leland - D - Detroit

Harvey **SANTANA**, 38, a Detroit Democrat, is a transportation planner who used to serve as a legislative assistant to Detroit City Councilman Kenneth **COCKREL**. He served in the U.S. Navy and was president of the Warrendale Community Organization. The Michigan Spanish Speaking Democrats and the Yemeni American PAC have endorsed his candidacy. The pro-choicer is at (313) 623-8639 or at santanaforrep@yahoo.com.

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HD - 14 - Part of Wayne County Replacing Termed Out Rep. Ed Clemente - D - Lincoln Park

Paul **CLEMENTE**, 47, a Lincoln Park Democrat, is the cousin of current Rep. Ed **CLEMENTE**, who is term-limited out of office. For the last eight years, Clemente has been the co-owner and manager at Clemente's Bar, Restaurant and Bowling Alley. A first-time candidate, Clemente is at (313) 382-0418 or paulclemente2010@gmail.com.



HD - 15 - Part of Wayne County Replacing Termed Out Rep. Gino Polidori - D - Dearborn

George **DARANY**, 54, a Dearborn Democrat, is a Dearborn City council member and realtor who was the president of the Classic Trolley Company. He's been endorsed by former House member from the area and Wayne County Commissioner Gary **WORONCHAK**. The University of Michigan graduate is being supported by former Rep. Agnes **DOBRONSKI**. He's at ImDearborn@sbcglobal.net or (313) 274-0414.



HD - 17 - Part of Redford Twp. And Dearborn Heights Replacing Termed Out Speaker Andy Dillon - D - Redford Twp.

Phil **CAVANAGH**, a Redford Township Democrat, served four terms as a Wayne County Commissioner. He served as an appointee on the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency, where he helped to balance the Agency's budget. He also was appointed to the Wayne County Land Bank Authority. He has a law practice and consulting firm. He holds degrees from Aquinas College and the University of Detroit Mercy. He has completed the Michigan Political Leadership Program and a program for senior executives at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He's at phil.cavanagh@sbcglobal.net or (313) 286-3324.



HD - 20 - Part of Wayne County Replacing Rep. Marc Corriveau - D - Plymouth

Kurt **HEISE**, 44, a Plymouth Republican, is an attorney, consultant and adjunct professor at Wayne State and University of Michigan-Dearborn universities. The former director of the Wayne County Department of Environment and Wayne County Drain Commissioner serves as a trustee at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Educational Excellence Foundation. The pro-lifer is in favor of term limits and a part-time legislature and has taken the no tax pledge. He's at (313) 303-8534 or heise4us@comcast.net.



HD - 23 - Part of Wayne County Replacing Rep. Deb Kennedy - D - Brownstown Twp.

Pat **SOMERVILLE**, 30, a New Boston Republican, is self-employed and does retail management. The University of Michigan engineering graduate is a lifelong Downriver resident, chairman of the Wayne County Young Republicans and precinct delegate. The pro-lifer supports Michigan moving to a part-time legislature, saying, "If Texas is the second most populist state and can govern efficiently, why can't Michigan?" He seeks public office to "promote long term solutions to failed liberal policies that have crippled our state." He's at (734) 368-1358 or at PatSomerville2010@yahoo.com.



HD - 24 - Part of Macomb County Replacing Rep. Sarah Roberts - D - St. Clair Shores

Anthony **FORLINI**, 48, a Harrison Township Republican, is the second-term Harrison Township Supervisor. He used to work as a certified financial planner and as a small business owner. He earned his B.A. from Western Michigan University. The pro-lifer is willing to take a no tax pledge and supports Michigan moving to a part-time legislature. Also, he is against turning the flat income tax into a graduated income tax.



HD - 26 - Part of Oakland County Replacing Termed Out Rep. Marie Donigan - D - Royal Oak

Jim **TOWNSEND**, a Royal Oak Democrat, is the executive director of the Tourism and Economic Development Council for Detroit. Prior to that he founded and directed the Michigan Suburbs Alliance, a non-profit devoted to revitalizing Detroit suburbs. He still sits on the agency's board of directors. A former Congressional staffer, Townsend also spent some time at Ford's marketing division. A 15-year district resident, he has degrees from the University of North Carolina and the University of Michigan. He opposes right to work, supports living wage policies, and supports life-long learning opportunities. He's at (248) 342-5253 or townsendjim1@gmail.com.

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HD - 30 - Part of Macomb County Replacing Termed Out Rep. Tory Rocca - R - Sterling Heights

Jeff **FARRINGTON**, 45, a Utica Republican, is the president of Dynamic Recruiters, Inc., and vice president of another national staffing company. The pro-lifer supports term limits and a part-time legislature, but not a constitutional rewrite or a graduated income tax. His top issue is the economy. He's at (586) 254-5234 or info@electfarrington.com.



HD - 31 - Part of Macomb County Replacing Termed Out Rep. Fred Miller - D - Mt. Clemens

Marilyn **LANE**, a Fraser Democrat, is the former Fraser mayor who was the elected co-chair to the Macomb County Charter Commission. She works as a business development representative and is chair of the alternative energy division at Roncelli, Inc. She believes jobs, retirement, and education expenses are among the most important issues in her district. She is interested in running for state office because "it would be a privilege to service as your voice -- our voices -- in Lansing." She can be reached at (586) 871-2730 or at ML@VoteMarilynLane.com.



HD - 32 - Part of Macomb County Replacing Rep. Jennifer Haase - D - Richmond

Andrea **LaFONTAINE**, 23, a Richmond Republican, is a waitress who is currently studying at Central Michigan University towards her Master's of Public Administration. She formerly worked as a district representative for Sen. Alan **SANBORN**, and was an election inspector/poll worker for Richmond Township and Mt. Pleasant. She can be reached at 586-651-4427 or votelafontaine@gmail.com



HD - 33 - Part of Macomb County Replacing Rep. Kim Meltzer - R - Clinton Twp.

Ken **GOIKE**, 55, a Ray Township Republican, is the president of the Armada Agriculture Society and past president of the Michigan Septic Association. He's owned his own trucking and excavating business since the 1980s. Goike was encouraged to run after attending some local Tea Party meetings. He supports a term-limited, part-time legislature. The pro-life candidate and conservative said he would not raise taxes if elected. "We got to get people to work in this state. We're over regulated. We've got a good, skilled workforce and everybody is leaving because it's too expensive to do business here," he said. He's at (586) 784-9433.



HD - 35 - Part of Oakland County Replacing Rep. Vincent Gregory - D - Southfield

Ruby **HOBBS**, a Lathrup Village Democrat, is a former Southfield School Board member who served in the 2006 election cycle as the 12th Congressional District Coordinated Campaign manager. He organized the 2008 "Get Out To Vote" campaign. The district director for U.S. Rep. Sandy **LEVIN**, Hobbs has worked as a policy advisor to Lt. Gov. John **CHERRY**. Hobbs' top issues are addressing "the limitations" of Proposal A, committing to a 21st Century School Curriculum, growing a "21 Century Economy," and training more Michigan workers for tomorrow's jobs. He's at rudyhobbs@gmail.com or (248) 470-3450.



HD - 46 - Part of Oakland County Replacing Termed Out Rep. Jim Marleau - R - Lake Orion

Bradford **JACOBSEN**, 53, an Oxford Republican, is a two-term Oakland County Commissioner and former Oxford Township Trustee. The lifetime district resident is the vice president of the 90-year-old family business, Jacobsen's Flowers. While he voted for term limits, he said he doesn't support them in the current form. He doesn't support a part-time legislature. The pro-lifer will not take the no tax pledge and would consider a racino proposal. He's at bradfordjacobsen@gmail.com or (248) 628-0759.



HD - 49 - Part of Genesee County Replacing Termed Out Rep. Lee Gonzales - D - Flint

Jim **ANANICH**, a Flint Democrat, is the former president of the Flint City Council and a Flint school teacher who lost to now-Rep. Lee **GONZALES** in the 2004 Democrat primary by 137 votes. "It's the worst it's been in the area in a long, long time. We have to create an environment where people want to invest in Genesee County and Michigan," he told The Flint Journal. He's at jananich@att.net or (810) 659-9712.

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HD - 50 - Part of Genesee County Replacing Rep. Jim Slezak - D - Davison

Charles **SMILEY**, a Burton Democrat, has been the mayor of Burton since 1991. The former employee of General Motors Truck & Bus served on the Burton City Council between 1987-1991. The pro-choice candidate supports turning the flat income tax into a graduated income tax. He doesn't support a part-time legislature or term limits. He's at csmiley2253@yahoo.com or (810) 742-5784.



HD - 52 - Part of Washtenaw County Replacing Termed Out Rep. Pam Byrnes - D - Chelsea

Mark **OUIMET**, an Ann Arbor Republican, is a Washtenaw County Commissioner and former Ann Arbor City Council member. He is currently a manager and fundraiser for several governmental, community and non-profit organizations including the Ann Arbor Chamber of Commerce, Ann Arbor SPARK and Mott Children's Hospital. Ouimet was the vice president, chancellor and chief operating officer for Northwood University from 1997-2002 and the former president and chairman of a local bank. He's at (734) 719-0448 or mark@markouimet.com.



HD - 53 - Part of Washtenaw County Replacing Termed Out Rep. Rebekah Warren - D - Ann Arbor

Jeff **IRWIN**, 33, an Ann Arbor Democrat, is a Washtenaw County Commissioner who has worked for the League of Conservation Voters Education Fund. He also has worked as a legislative aid to then-Sen. Alma Wheeler **SMITH**. The son of former Sen. Mitch **IRWIN** and MESSA Executive Director Cynthia **IRWIN**, he has been active in numerous political campaigns, particularly in the Ann Arbor area, where he attended school. He supports building Michigan's green economy and strengthening the public's right to know what is in the everyday products sold in Michigan. He wants to keep wetlands regulation governed at the state level. He's at (734) 834-7152 or JeffMlrwin@gmail.com.



HD - 54 - Part of Washtenaw County Replacing Termed Out Rep. Alma Wheeler Smith - D - Ann Arbor

David **RUTLEDGE**, 65, an Ypsilanti Democrat, is the owner and president of Esourceful, LLC, an environmental services company located in Ypsilanti. He is serving on the Board of Trustees at Washtenaw Community College and is a former township supervisor. Rutledge worked as a House staffer under former Speaker Gary **OWEN**. "My history of leadership and public service in the areas of township, county, and state government, and higher education provide a unique set of credentials that would allow me to be effective immediately as a state Representative for my district." He's at (734) 483-5033 or at rutledge4rep@hotmail.com.



HD - 55 - Part of Monroe County Replacing Termed Out Rep. Kathy Angerer - D - Dundee

Rick **OLSON**, 60, a Saline Republican, is semi-retired and has experience as a lawyer, agricultural business manager, certified financial planner and public school business manager. The pro-lifer said he is against racinos and opposed to a part-time legislature. He's at olson48176@comcast.net or (734) 944-0794.



HD - 56 - Part of Monroe County Replacing Rep. Kate Ebli - D - Monroe

Dale **ZORN**, 56, an Ida Republican, is a 19-year Monroe County Commissioner who has run his own automotive and truck center since 1972. The lifetime district resident does not support term limits, but does support a part-time legislature. The pro-lifer has taken the no-take pledge. He doesn't support racinos. He can be reached at dwz@chartermi.net or (734) (269) 6175.



HD - 57 - Part of Lenawee County Replacing Termed Out Rep. Dudley Spade - D - Tipton

Nancy **JENKINS**, 45, a Clayton Republican, is on leave from her job as district representative for Sen. Cameron **BROWN**. She formerly worked as a Title Examiner for the Southern Michigan Title Co., American Title Co., and Investors Title Co. She is a graduate of Evangel University and received her Master's degree from the University of Toledo. The pro-lifer is against a rewrite of the state constitution and would vote no on a proposal that would allow some racetracks to offer expanded gambling and slot machines on their premises. She supports a part-time legislature and lists the economy, state government efficiency and excessive taxes as the most pressing issues. She can be reached at (517) 445-2933 or at njenkis9417@gmail.com.

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HD - 60 - Part of Kalamazoo County Replacing Rep. Robert Jones - D- Kalamazoo

Sean **McCANN**, a Kalamazoo Democrat, is a 10-year Kalamazoo City Commissioner who works as an executive for a non-profit that helped return vitality to the city's Vine Neighborhood and raised funds for a Red Cross human services program. His top issues are restoring Michigan's economy, creating jobs, solving the state's budget situation, making the state's education system "top-notch," and providing excellent constituent service. He's at (269) 349-0654 or seanamccann@hotmail.com.



HD - 61 - Part of Kalamazoo County Replacing Rep. Larry DeShazor - R - Portage

Margaret **O'BRIEN**, 37, a Portage Republican, is a licensed real estate agent and a former social worker. She is a current Portage City Councilwoman and received her Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. She lost to now-Rep. Larry **DeSHAZOR** in the 2008 Republican primary by 340 votes. As the lone Republican on the ballot in 2010, she had the endorsements of much of the local and statewide GOP establishment.



HD - 64 - Part of Jackson County Replacing Rep. Marty Griffin - D - Jackson

Earl **POLESKI**, 54, a Jackson Republican, is a CPA who formerly worked in the financial management services for both public and private companies. He has been serving as the Jackson County Commissioner since 2007. He earned the endorsements of all nine Republican Jackson County commissioners and five countywide officials. The pro-lifer supports a part-time legislature and lists the economy, education and transportation funding as the issues he is most concerned with. He's at (517) 262-8955 or at poleskicpa@aol.com.



HD - 65 - Part of Eaton, Jackson and Lenawee Counties Filling The Seat Of Rep. Mike Simpson - R - Jackson

Michael **SHIRKEY**, 56, is a Clark Lake Republican and business owner. He has lived in the district for 23 years, and served on the Columbian Central School Board. He does not support term limits or a part-time legislature, and is in favor of a constitutional rewrite. He lists the economy as his top issue. The pro-lifer has not taken the no tax pledge and does not support a graduated income tax. He's at (517) 206-8221 or mike@mikeshirkey.com.



HD - 70 - Part of Ionia and Montcalm Counties Replacing Rep. Mike Huckleberry - D - Greenville

Rick **OUTMAN**, 46, a Six Lakes Republican, is self-employed in excavation and serves on the Board of Directors for the Soil Conservation District of Montcalm County. He's been endorsed by the county's drain commissioner. He received 16% of the vote (4th out of six) in the '08 Republican primary in the 70th. He's at (616) 540-4235 or rickoutman@aol.com.



HD - 71 - Located In Eaton County Replacing Termed Out Rep. Rick Jones - R - Grand Ledge

Deb **SHAUGHNESSY**, 49, a Charlotte Republican, is a customer service representative with the Charlotte Insurance Agency, former legislative aide, and former director of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. The Lansing Community College graduate also served as mayor of Charlotte and on the city council. She was backed by former U.S. Rep. Nick **SMITH**, National Committeeman Saul **ANUZIS** and former Lt. Gov. Dick **POSTHUMUS**. She's at dshaughnessy@ameritech.net or (517) 541-2004.



HD - 72 - Located In Kent County Replacing Rep. Justin Amash - R - Grand Rapids

Ken **YONKER**, 53, is a Caledonia Republican and landscape contractor, who finished second in the GOP primary for the 72nd seat in 2008 with 35 percent of the vote. The former Caledonia School Board President and Michigan State University grad voted for term limits, but no longer supports them. The pro-lifer would support a part-time legislature and lists the economy, state government reform, and K-12 education as his most pressing issues. He's at (616) 698-1163 or ken@yonkers-landscape.com.

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HD - 73 - Located In Kent County Replacing Termed Out Rep. Tom Pearce - R - Rockford

Peter **MacGREGOR**, 44, a Rockford Republican, is the Cannon Township supervisor and a former small business owner. He formerly served as a township trustee and on a township planning commission. He has a B.A. in business administration from Michigan State University. The pro-lifer lists the economy, education, and excessive taxes as the issues he is most concerned with. He is opposed to Michigan moving to a part-time legislature. He's at (616) 581-2025 or at Info@ElectPeterMacGregor.com.



HD - 75 - Located In Kent County Replacing Rep. Robert Dean - D - Grand Rapids

Brandon **DILLON**, a Grand Rapids Democrat, is a Kent County Commissioner who describes himself as a "moderate." As a commissioner, he said he has voted against every tax increase and opposed increasing fees for basic county services. Dillon said he voluntarily took a 10 percent pay cut as a county commissioner. He said he would use his principles to "shake up Lansing and fix our state government." He said he opposes cuts to K-12 education, saying "if legislators cut funding for our kids' education, they should cut their own salaries, too." He's at (616) 295-6563 or bcdillon27@yahoo.com.



HD - 77 - Located In Kent County Replacing Termed Out Rep. Kevin Green - R - Wyoming

Thomas **HOOKER**, 60, a Byron Center Republican, is a former Byron Center High School teacher and precinct delegate who has served on the Kent County Executive Committee. He holds a B.S. from Grand Valley and a M.A. from Western Michigan. The pro-lifer supports term limits and a part-time legislature. He said he's taken the no tax pledge and has the endorsement of several pro-life, education, community and business leaders. He's at (616) 878-9494 or tom@tomhooker.com.



HD - 79 - Located In Berrien County Replacing Rep. John Proos - R - St. Joseph Who Was Elected To The Senate

Al **PSCHOLKA**, 49, is the district director for U.S. Rep. Fred **UPTON**, and a former Vice President for the Cornerstone Alliance is a Republican. He is part owner and station manager for COSY Broadcasting. He served as a Lincoln Charter Township Trustee and was on the Southwest Water Sewer Authority. The pro-lifer is against a constitutional rewrite and a part-time legislature. He would vote no racinos and has not taken a no tax pledge. He can be reached at (269) 428-9680 or at al@alforstaterep.com



HD - 80 - Located In Allegan County Replacing Rep. Tonya Schuitmaker - R - St. Joseph Who Was Elected To The Senate

Aric **NESBITT**, 30, a Lawton Republican, is a former congressional staffer who also worked with Sen. Tom George. The Hillsdale graduate had the backing of the Van Buren County Commission Chair, half the township supervisors and county commissioners, among others. The lifetime resident of the district said he believes in the "sanctity of life" and a part-time legislature. He opposes a graduated income tax and is at (269) 919-4252 or aric@votenesbitt.com.



HD - 83 - Located In Sanilac and St. Clair Counties Replacing Termed Out Rep. John Espinoza - D - Crosswell

Paul **MUXLOW**, 72, a Brown City Republican, is a real estate broker and retired teacher. He served on the Rotary and Lions clubs, and the Brown City School Board. The pro-lifer supports term limits but not a part-time legislature. He's at (810) 346-2132 or pmuxlow@greatlakes.net.



HD - 84 - Located In Huron and Tuscola Counties Replacing Rep. Terry Brown - D - Pigeon

Kurt **DAMROW**, a Port Austin Republican, is a Huron County Commissioner. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a district representative for former Rep. Mike **GREEN**. The pro-lifer is against a rewrite of the state constitution and is unsure as to whether or not he would support Michigan moving to a part-time legislature. The lifelong district resident lists jobs/economy, excessive taxes and local government funding as the issues he is most concerned with within his district. He's at (989) 975-1503 or at Colonel971@hotmail.com.

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HD -85 - Located In Clinton and Shiawassee Counties Replacing Rep. Richard Ball - R - Bath

Ben **GLARDON**, an Owosso Republican, is an auctioneer and real estate agent who was his area's "Realtor of the Year" in 2008. The lifelong district resident has served as the president of the Board of Directors for the Shiawassee Association of Realtors. He told the Argus-Press, "I feel my background, experience and successful track record for negotiating and bringing two sides together to find common ground to a solution with less partisan grandstanding is a quality necessary to navigate Lansing."



HD - 86 - Kent County Replacing Termed Out Rep. David Hildenbrand - R - Lowell

Lisa Posthumus **LYONS**, 29, an Alto Republican, is the current public policy director for the Grand Rapids Association of Realtors and the Commercial Alliance of Realtors. She was Rep. Dave **HILDENBRAND**'s campaign manager and worked for Sen. Nancy **CASSIS**. She is the daughter of former Lt. Gov. Dick **POSTHUMUS** and is endorsed by former Gov. John **ENGLER** and former GOP National Committeeman Chuck **YOB**.



HD - 87 - Barry and Ionia Counties Replacing Rep. Brian Calley - R - Portland

Mike **CALLTON**, 51, a Nashville Republican, is a Barry County Commissioner, chiropractor and army veteran. The pro-lifer lists job security as the most pressing issue for his district. He hasn't taken the no tax pledge, supports racinos and does not support switching to a graduated income tax. He does not support term limits, but does support a part-time legislature. He's at (517) 652-3827 or mike@mikecalton.com.



HD - 89 - Ottawa County Replacing Rep. Arlan Meekhof - R - Holland Who Was Elected To The Senate

Amanda **PRICE**, 54, a Holland Republican, is a legislative aide to Senator Patty **BIRKHOLZ** and Park Township supervisor. She formerly worked as a public affairs manager at SEMCO Energy. The pro-lifer would not take a no tax pledge, and is against turning the flat income tax into a graduated income tax. Price supports Michigan moving to a part-time legislature because she believes "Michigan is over-regulated and this is hampering new business opportunities." She can be reached at (616) 786-2658 or at amanda.nprice@gmail.com.



HD - 91 - Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Replacing Termed Out Rep. Mary Valentine - D - Muskegon

Holly **HUGHES**, 52, a Montague Republican, is a Michigan Republican Party National Committeewoman. The former White River Township Trustee and Montague Area Public School Board member is a lifelong district resident. Hughes works in property management, but has experience in two family businesses — Master Tag, which makes horticultural labels and Bolema Lumber, a retail hardware store. Unsuccessful in her 2008 run, the pro-lifer does not support a constitutional rewrite, racinos or a graduated income tax. She can be reached at holly@hollyhughes.com or (231) 894-5956.



HD - 92 - Muskegon County Replacing Termed Out Rep. Doug Bennett - D - Muskegon

Marcia **HOVEY-WRIGHT**, 64, a Muskegon Democrat, is a psychotherapist and social worker in Muskegon. The pro-choice Democrat serves as president of the Nelson Neighborhood Association and as a member of the Citizens District Council. She is in favor of a constitutional rewrite and graduated income tax, but not term limits or a part-time legislature. Hovey-Wright ranks the economy, K-12 education and health insurance as her top priorities. She's at (231) 726-4929 or info@electmarcia.com.



HD - 95 - Saginaw County Replacing Rep. Andy Coulouris - D - Saginaw

Stacy Erwin **OAKES**, a Saginaw Democrat, is an assistant attorney general who formerly worked as a House staffer, corrections officer and teacher for the Saginaw County Public School system, where she coached girls' basketball. She has worked as an adjunct professor at Saginaw Valley State University and is the owner and lead developer of Erwin Properties. She's at info@erwinoakes4staterep.com or (989) 372-0559.

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HD - 96 - Bay County Replacing Rep. Jeff Mayes - D - Bay City Who Ran For Senate

Charles M. **BRUNNER**, 58, a Bay City Democrat, is a third-term mayor of Bay City. The former city commissioner taught in the Midland Public Schools. The pro-lifer supports term limits but not a part-time legislature. He does not support a graduated income tax. He's taken the no tax pledge, but supports racinos. He lists the economy, K-12 education and higher education as his top priorities. He is endorsed by Sen. Jim **BARCIA** and several other local officials. He's at (989) 686-4974 or charlesmbrunner@yahoo.com.



HD - 97 - Arenac, Bay and Clare Counties, Replacing Rep. Tim Moore - R - Farewell

Joel **JOHNSON**, 52, a Clare Republican, is the general manager of Johnston Elevator, a feed manufacturing and sales/farm and home supply store. He has held leadership roles in many community and industry organizations. The pro-lifer would like to lengthen term limits, and would support a part-time legislature "under the right conditions." He's at (989) 429-4906 or joel@joeljohnson4rep.com.



HD - 99 - Isabella and Midland Counties, Replacing Termed Out Rep. Bill Caul - R - Mt. Pleasant

Kevin **COTTER**, 32, a Mt. Pleasant Republican, graduated from Central Michigan University (CMU) and holds an MS in Accounting from CMU and a J.D. from the Thomas Cooley Law School. The pro-life attorney serves as the deputy treasurer of Union Twp. He opposes term limits, supports a part-time legislature, and lists the economy as his most pressing issue. He has taken the no tax pledge. He's at (989) 621-0759 or Kevin@electkevincotter.com.



HD - 100 - Lake, Newaygo And Oceana Counties, Replacing Termed Out Rep. Geoff Hansen - R - Hart

Jon **BUMSTEAD**, 52, a Newaygo Republican, is a building contractor and former member of the township police and fire command board. The life-long district resident supports term limits, but not a part-time legislature. The pro-lifer has taken the no tax pledge and supports the Fair Tax and racinos, but does not support a constitutional rewrite. He lists K-12 education, economy and state government reform as his top issues. He's at (231) 652-3552 or bumstead@gtlakes.com.



HD - 101 - Benzie, Leelanau, Manistee and Mason Counties Replacing Rep. Dan Scripps - D - Northport

Ray **FRANZ**, 62, the former Onekama Village Council President, is the owner/operator of the Franz Market in Onekama. The U.S. Army veteran conducted one tour of duty in Vietnam. The pro-life Franz is a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. Franz won a competitive Republican primary in 2008, but was unsuccessful in the general, winning 40 percent of the vote. He's at (231) 889-5998 or 101st.migopo@gmail.com.



HD - 102 - Mecosta, Osceola and Wexford Counties Replacing Termed Out Rep. Darwin Booher - R - Evart

Phil **POTVIN**, 63, a Cadillac Republican, is a pro-lifer who has served on the Wexford County Board of Public Works and the Cadillac Chamber of Commerce. He has lived in the district his whole life. He supports a smaller, full-time legislature with modified term limits. He envisions a full-time 50-member House and 25-member Senate. He has not taken the no tax pledge. He ranks business and job retention, the state budget and education as his top priorities. He's at (231) 920-3111 or phil@philpotvin.com.



HD - 103 - Iosco, Missaukee, Ogemaw, Roscommon, Replacing Termed Out Rep. Joel Sheltroun - D - West Branch

Bruce **RENDON**, 50, a Lake City Republican, works as a homebuilder and dairy farmer. He is a former Missaukee County Planning Commission chair, and is endorsed by the Michigan Association of Homebuilders. He would only support a part-time legislature if term limits are repealed. The pro-lifer is against a rewrite of the state constitution and lists the economy, job security, and state government reform as the most pressing issues in his district. He can be reached at (231) 839-2980 or at ren@centurytel.net.

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HD - 105 - Antrim, Charlevoix and Otsego Counties Replacing Termed Out Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer - R - Kewadin
 Greg **MacMASTER**, a Kewadin Republican, works in broadcast sales and is a former broadcast meteorologist and a chairman of a non-profit organization. The pro-lifer would not take a no tax pledge and does not support a rewrite of the state constitution. MacMaster would support a move to a part-time legislature "if it went with removing term limits and our state economy improves."



HD - 106 - Alocona, Alpena, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda and Presque Isle Replacing Termed Out Rep. Andy Neumann - R - Alpena
 Peter **PETTALIA**, a Presque Isle Republican is a former township supervisor. The 35-year area resident is co-owner of Alpena's downtown 76 service station. The former volunteer firefighter was a founding member of the Presque Isle County Economic Development Council. Pettalia received 44 percent of the vote in 2008 in his unsuccessful campaign against Rep. Andy Neumann. He's at (989) 255-5433 or pettalia@gmail.com.



HD - 107 - Chippewa, Emmet and Mackinac Counties Replacing Termed Out Rep. Gary McDowell - D - Rudyard
 Frank **FOSTER**, 24, a Pellston Republican, is the business manager of a construction company with a B.S. in Finance from Grand Valley State University. The pro-lifer has not taken a no tax pledge and is against turning the flat income tax into a graduated income tax. He is also against a rewrite of the constitution, but would support a part-time legislature. Foster lists the economy, state government reform and excessive taxes as the most important issues in his district. He's at (231) 537-1000 or at campaign@fosterforhouse.com.



HD - 108 - Delta, Dickinson and Menominee Counties Replacing Rep. Judy Nerat - D - Wallace
 Ed **McBROOM**, a Vulcan Republican, is a lifelong dairy farmer from Dickinson County. The Northern Michigan University graduate substitute teaches. He instructs Sunday school and has directed the Norway City Band for 10 years. He has been an active part of the Dickinson County Fair and the Upper Peninsula State Fair for more than 15 years. He's at (906) 396-6838 or mcbroom4house@gmail.com.



HD - 110 - Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw and Ontonogon Replacing Rep. Michael Lahti - D - Hancock
 Matt **HUUKI**, 33, an Atlantic Mine Republican, is the owner and president of Matt's Auto Glass & Body Repair endorsed by four county Republican officials. The lifetime district resident is pro-life and is taking the no tax pledge. He does not support a graduated state income tax or racinos. He supports a part-time legislature, but not term limits. He's at (906) 231-2546 or matt.huuki@yahoo.com.