

Michigan State Senate District 11

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)**

BORIS TUMAN, Republican



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Education: Wayne State University

Qualifications / Experience: Diverse experience in technology in the insurance, energy, trucking, leads and printing industries

Questions:

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

A: 1. Roads. Michigan's roads are either full of potholes or under construction. I want to change funding allocation to reflect use instead of equal allocation throughout the state. I would also like to see additional requirements for road construction contracts with the state, namely warranties. We should also consider reevaluating the standards we have for our road construction, in particular, Deeper roads
2. Insurance. Michigan has absurd insurance rates. We need to reconsider the unlimited medical, fraud penalties and 'no fault' to lower prices. 3. Education. We need to restructure funding and student allocation.

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: We need to reexamine what the state government can do to increase student success, particularly where/how to fund most effectively. Prop A has been a good step, but it is not clear that increases in per student funds have directly lead to more student success. Spending money in the most efficient verticals is the first priority, followed by more funding once we understand where it should go. I would like stricter standards on opening charter schools, including insurance policies on the schools if they fail to stay open for the whole year or if the students fall below certain proficiency standards.

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

A: I would like to lower the corporate tax rate of any company that meets a certain criteria of hires and/or salary increases for its lowest earning employees. I would like to see more state funding for bus based public transit generally, along with under served areas. The focus should be on increased frequency, but also on express lines between major cities in regions. I want to legalize and tax recreational marijuana, something that has proved to be a booming industry in other states. I also want to look into a Michigan banking/lending system for this industry to use.

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

A: I favor automatic voter registration. I would like the district maps to be drawn by a non partisan or bi partisan commission with a focus on creating as many competitive districts as possible while maintaining logical districts. I have many ideas for policy regarding campaign funding. However, they are all unconstitutional due to the Citizens United ruling.

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: Regarding energy needs: I would like to continue Michigan's use of Nuclear power plants and build more as the need arises. Properly executed Nuclear power plants are not only better for the environment than using coal or other fossil fuels, they also are very safe. I will also support policies that protect Michigan's natural splendor. I think that we should consider building an overland pipeline to replace en-bridge 5 and abstain from building any oil pipeline under the great lakes.

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

A: I would seek to set a maximum on the number of cases any public defender can handle at any one time anywhere in the state. I would seek a constitutional method to deal with the fact that defense attorneys are often pressured to contribute to judges' campaign funds. I would seek to craft legislation that would allow the appointment of special prosecutors to deal with cases of where police officers the defendants. This will help address the any potential conflict of interest from prosecutors working to prosecute other law enforcement officials that they normally work with and depend on.

JEREMY MOSS, Democrat



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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative

Education: BA in Journalism and Political Science, Graduated with High Honors from MSU / Studied Race Relations in South Africa / Michigan Political Leadership Program Fellowship through MSU

Qualifications / Experience: Experience in Public Service: Michigan House Democratic Whip, 2017-Present / State Representative, 2015-Present / Southfield City Councilman, 2011-2014 / District Director to State Rep. Rudy Hobbs (D – Southfield), 2011-2012 / Political Aide to Southfield Mayor Brenda Lawrence, 2008-2010 / Legislative Aide to State Rep. Paul Condino (D – Southfield), 2005-2006, 2007

Questions:

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

A: We must find ways to boost wages, fix roads, and fund schools but we won't achieve those goals while state government is broken. That's why I introduced bills to: Increase government transparency - I wrote 10 bills that passed the House to expand our open records law so you can shine a light on the money and influence in politics. End gerrymandering - I sponsored legislation to create a redistricting commission to stop partisan games that manipulate elections. Hold charter schools accountable - I introduced legislation in the School Fact Act to hold for-profit schools accountable for the tax-dollars they use.

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: I have been working to reverse the State Legislature's trend of investing in for-profit education, including charter and cyber schools, which operate with little to no state standards or measurements for student achievement. Michigan public education system must enable all students to acquire advance skills and knowledge needed to compete for jobs in the ever-changing global economy. I've been working to ensure learning standards are competitive globally, while also ensuring that schools get the support they need to improve, not just to label them when they have missed academic goals.

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

A: Michigan Republicans claimed that their massive tax cut for big corporations would trickle down prosperity to Michigan families. That hasn't worked. Instead, we must reverse this tax shift which has squeezed the middle class and take aim at stagnant incomes and tax increases that make it difficult to sustain a decent quality of life while coping with the rising costs of living. By putting families before corporations, ensuring every person has the skills they need for the job they want, giving people a better deal on taxes, and supporting small businesses, we can build economic opportunity for all Michiganders.

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

A: I introduced legislation to improve the process of redistricting Michigan's political boundaries by creating a nonpartisan commission that would oversee the drawing of political lines. In a healthy democracy, voters pick their elected representatives but gerrymandering allows politicians to pick their voters. That's not right, no matter which party is in charge. The legislation I sponsored creates a nonpartisan redistricting commission comprised of regular citizens who would be tasked with creating district maps that are Constitutional, compliant with the Voting Rights Act, and not drawn to protect incumbents.

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: Any sound energy policy reforms must be carefully enacted to protect the health and safety of our citizens and preserve Michigan's natural resources. Unfortunately, my district was targeted by a profit-driven effort to drill for oil in a densely populated residential area in southern Oakland County. As a result, I introduced legislation that would place limits on oil drilling in residential areas. Michigan families must be able to rely on safe energy sources that won't threaten the vitality of our Great Lakes. We must find an alternative energy plan, built by Michigan workers, so we can decommission Line 5.

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

A: I've worked at the local and state level to fight for increased funding to our urban cores and inner-ring suburbs to support essential city programs and services. Instead, the state disinvests in local communities, destabilizes neighborhoods and accelerates crises with emergency management. Increasing the revenue to our local communities and investing in public education are the best ways to ensure every Michigander has a chance to get ahead. I've also supported community policing measures that focus on creating opportunity in neighborhoods instead of simply seeking out ways to inflict punishment.

JAMES K YOUNG, Libertarian

Occupation / Current Position: Retired Chemical Technician---I worked for Dow Automotive as a Glass Bonding Technician in R&D.

Education: B.S. Chemical Engineering, Wayne State University. A.S. Chemical Technology, Lawrence Tech University B.S. Business Management, Ferris State University

Qualifications / Experience: I have many years of experience in the working world, so I have handled numerous social and professional situations. Also, I am a Past Chair of the Libertarian Party of Oakland County (2011-2015)

Questions:

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

A: First, I would like to work on eliminating the Michigan Income Tax. I know it seems radical, but we must realize that a number of states are already functioning without state income taxes. Furthermore, our State of Michigan was functioning without a state income tax a number of years ago. So, why can't we do it again? Second, I would like to encourage more new business start-ups in Michigan, by making the process easier. Third, I would like to go through our state budget to see what we can do more efficiently, and trim altogether. Who knows? Maybe we could find the money to do a good job fixing the roads.

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: First, I think that we should get out of common core. Students should be evaluated individually, and we must remember that these will be the future leaders of our world. With respect to financing, I don't think that a teacher should have to buy supplies for their classes. In that case, I think that they would need more money. At the same time, I think that we should keep our spending on education to only what is necessary.

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

A: We need to make sure that our level of taxation is low, so that businesses will be very well attracted to Michigan. Raising the minimum wage won't matter much, because we see from labor economics, that the higher the minimum wage, the fewer jobs that there will tend to be, and the lower the minimum wage, the more jobs there will tend to be. I favor starting a State Bank here in Michigan. This would get us freer from federal control, enabling us to be more efficient in financing. North Dakota is already doing this. We also need to do something about the high car insurance rates in Michigan.

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

A: I am in favor of having a voting age of 18. If you are old enough to serve our country in the armed forces, you should be able to vote. With respect to campaign funding, I don't think that there should be any laws regarding this, nor having to report this in paperwork.

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: I think that if a company pollutes the environment, they should have to pay to clean it up. This includes Enbridge Pipeline 5, although I do favor its existence. I think that we should use solar energy and biofuels more including biodiesel. I do not favor allowing an increase in atmospheric radiation from sources such as cell phone towers, so hopefully House Bills 637 and 894 will be defeated.

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

A: We need to make sure that we are not bigoted in any way, and legislate accordingly.

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