

Michigan State Senate District 19

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)**

JOHN BIZON, Republican
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JASON NOBLE, Democrat



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Occupation / Current Position: Coordinator

Education: Bachelor's of Science, Cornerstone University Associate's Degree Kellogg Community College

Qualifications / Experience: Citizen candidate

Questions:

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

A: Wages, Infrastructure, Job Growth. I believe a living wage will grow the middle class, will expand opportunity and help the middle class create jobs, open small businesses and generate the revenue to fix our crumbling infrastructure. We need to separate special interest money from politics making Michigan's government answer to the rest of us and stop handouts to big corporations. We need to create wage competition so that corporations compete for our time.

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: Teachers have skilled jobs and should be compensated as such. I support actually funding schools and not forcing educators to pay for school supplies. I support building schools, recommitting to the Arts and focus on meeting goals but not by overusing standardized testing. We should put control in to local hands and budget based on need.

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

A: Greater access to education and trades skills. Let's make sure a strong minimum wage gives working people the opportunity to learn a trade. I propose making sure we have a strong minimum wage so that when people go back to school they have a competitive wage to go to when they get a job. Making sure big businesses pay their fair share in wages is important.

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

A: We should ban politicians from lobbying altogether, separate corporate money from politics. We should make running for office simpler and easier to navigate the reporting process. I want to encourage greater transparency and get big money out of Michigan politics.

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: We need to invest in renewable energies to make Line 5 unnecessary. By doing so we'll be securing energy independence for Michigan. I support separating the DEQ from special interest money so the DEQ can protect resources not corporate interests. We will monitor water for PFAS, lead and other chemicals. We will not repeat the disastrous deregulation that has made nearly 1 in 5 Michiganders have PFAS in their water.

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

A: We are still seeing the impact of "redlining", the practice of racial separation based on neighborhoods.

I want to increase wage competition for all which will help with mobility and give all Michiganders the choice of where to live and where to raise a family and increase their wealth as well as income. I promise to listen and act accordingly to the lived experience of people most hurt by racial inequality and injustice. We will put an end to predatory laws that harm Michiganders.

JOSEPH P GILLOTTE, Libertarian
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