

Michigan State Representative District 59

2 Candidates on the November 6, 2018 ballot

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

Qualifications: State Representatives may serve a maximum of three full terms. They must be at least 21 years of age and a registered voter in their district. There are 110 State House districts which are re-apportioned after each census.

Term: 2 years Vote for ONE (1)

AARON MILLER, Republican



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Occupation / Current Position: Teacher; State Representative

Education: Sturgis High School, 2006; Western Michigan University, 2010; Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education, Political Science, Social Studies, Mathematics; Bethel College, 2014 (M.Ed. in School Admin.)

Qualifications / Experience: I taught for three-and-a-half years in Middlebury, Indiana, and Sturgis, Michigan, before running for the Michigan Legislature in 2014.

Questions:

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

A: 1. No-Fault Reform The system either needs to be killed to go to a tort system, which is what Indiana has, or we need to reform it by introducing hospital fee schedules, attendant care pay limits, and lifetime benefit caps. 2. Repeal of Onerous Regulations I want to work with other legislators to work on repealing Michigan law that impedes living or working in this state, especially for the poor. Government's role should be as a facilitator, not a job creator. Other than that, government needs to stay out of the way. 3. Limiting Our 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: I support allowing greater freedom in how kids learn. Everyone learns differently and our education system should reflect that. We need to allow each level of public education to do what is best for the individual needs of the individual, not putting everyone through the same channels.

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

A: First and foremost, I support an income tax cut at the state level. We spend too much at the state level and it's high time we fixed that by limiting the revenue that we take in. Other than that, Michigan should remain a right-to-work state and the Michigan Legislature should advance other policies that make it easier to start and run a business in Michigan. That does not mean advocating for corporate welfare, but means allowing companies a minimally invasive environment in which to thrive.

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

A: I support fully requiring an ID to vote. I support audits by the Secretary of State to continue to ensure the fewest mistakes and the lowest amount of fraud possible in our Michigan elections.

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 support transparency in the DEQ to ensure that the public has the right to know what is going on that affects our state's environment. That would include Line 5 or any other pipeline.

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

A: I will support anything that promotes the social and racial justice that we already have.

Dennis B SMITH, Democrat

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