

Primary Election: August 7, 2018
Michigan State Senate District 32
Candidates: 1 Republican + 2 Democrats
Vote in one political party's primary only.

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)

KEN HORN, Republican



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Occupation / Current Position: State Senator for the 32nd District

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Concordia University

Qualifications / Experience: 14 years as a Saginaw County Commissioner and 6 years as a State Representative. Small business owner prior to that.

Questions:

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

A: Jobs, Fixing Roads & Reducing Auto Insurance Costs Creating great jobs here in MI. Training people to fill those jobs is a big challenge. I'm focused on CTE, skilled trades & STEM career pathways. We've accelerated our investment into roads. MDOT tells us that we're now working so fast, that they've exhausted their list of road contractors & that we're running short of road building materials. Funding local roads is now my priority. MI has the highest rates of car insurance in the nation. This is the #1 concern for residents who call my office & what I hear about most at my town halls. I've supported reform for years.

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: From my days as vice president of the Saginaw Community Foundation, I've been highly supportive of prenatal through K-12 issues. As Senator, I meet regularly with teachers & administrators to discuss issues of the day. Endless student testing & overly burdensome reporting are a major frustration for teachers. Teachers need more time to teach and more help from many of their parents as students grow. I recently passed bills out of my Economic Development Committee to provide students with career exploration opportunities. Students, parents & educators deserve to know about all the great career choices that MI offers.

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

A: As Chair of the Senate Economic Development Committee my primary legislative priorities revolve around creating more jobs & opportunities for anyone looking to find a job. Currently, our struggle is to find enough skilled people to fill great jobs. Average paychecks are growing, unemployment is at its lowest in decades & people are beginning to move back to Michigan. Michigan is back. To further help our hardworking Michiganders, I've been working to lower the cost of car insurance. Residents could save up to \$1,000 a year if they were able to buy across state lines. That's real savings that we need to duplicate here.

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

A: I often think about our soldiers & veterans who spend months & years away from their families as they serve multiple duties overseas. For we civilians who are able, I think it's reasonable & responsible to spend twenty minutes every 2 years to go to City Hall to cast a vote. When we are inspired to vote, there's no law that could prevent us showing up to do so. Conversely, no government law, rule or regulation will inspire people to vote in greater numbers. I applaud organizations in my district and on college campuses for doing voter registration drives. Neighbor inspiring neighbor; it's the way it ought to be done.

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: As a former Chair of the House Energy Committee, I've worked with our municipalities, our consumers & regulated utilities to manage a very complex energy grid. Capacity, reliability & affordability are the big concerns as we work to create more & better jobs. I've been involved in two major energy reforms, which mandated clean & renewable energy using wind & solar as part of our energy portfolio. I recently heard testimony on a plan to tunnel under the straights to provide a casing that also allows for electric & emergency services. Keeping our Great Lakes clean and free of invasive species is a priority of all of us.

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

A: Since childhood, I have a record of standing up for the underdog and I will continue to do so on many levels. My Faith teaches me that we are all children of God. I believe that we should be kind to every person we encounter, because they're all fighting an internal battle known only to them. So I help where I can, person to person. As an elected official, we protect our most vulnerable. I work to defend people who cannot defend themselves, treating everyone with dignity. For those who are able, a great-paying job is the very best form of social justice. Work is good for the mind, the soul and for the paycheck.

HENRY J GAUDREAU, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Colonel, USAF (Retired)

Education: B.A. - University of Michigan; M.B.S. - Troy State University; Air Command and Staff College, USAF; Air War College - USAF

Qualifications / Experience: Proven record of leadership Understands large and small business – was Vice President in a small construction and logistics company working in Iraq. Successful with big issues. Ended AF career responsible for 73% of the USAF aircraft engines: 21,638 engines valued at \$25.3 Billion, supporting 24 weapon systems, 10 major commands, 91 Air Force bases as well as foreign military sales customers.

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

A: The biggest problem facing MI is partisanship in the legislature. Bills are introduced for political advantage, nonsense attempted. That being said: 1 Fix MI's broken economic model Invest in state infrastructure -This is an enormous problem for cities AND smaller towns like Birch Run, St. Charles, Chesaning, etc. Invest in high school vocational education, skilled trade apprentices and incentivize companies to expand in Michigan 2 Support MI Agriculture – Eliminate bad regulations and help farmers 3 Defend MI Veterans – No more Grand Rapids disasters! Develop veterans outreach similar to Area Agency on Aging

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: 1 Create an environment where education is paramount. 2 Early childhood ed must be safe, affordable & successful. 3 Hold school leadership accountable; provide continuing education & support to them & staff. 4 Properly fund MI schools, colleges & universities. 5 Eliminate failing charter schools. 6 Establish prep schools at universities to increase chances of success. 7 Regents/University presidents should establish a "university audit agency" & meet to eliminate redundancies and stretch dollars. 8 Develop

specific work/study programs to assist those who leave college early. 9 Increase MI resident students in MI universities.

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

A: 1 Invest in state infrastructure - \$1.6B per year investment in roads and bridges brings 18,000 jobs to Michigan. 2 Create an environment where education is seen as the way to a promising future. Train accountants, engineers, software and management people. 3 Invest in high school vocational education & skilled trade apprenticeships to provide pool of skilled labor. Saginaw Valley is becoming a health care growth area. Reason: Training is here. SVSU, CMU provide Dr. & nursing graduates 4 Targeted tax changes and incentives will help businesses expand and invest in MI.

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

A: 1 End Gerrymandering via MI Constitutional Amendment. 2 Prevent politicians from accepting campaign donations in their final term. 3 Prevent politicians from establishing Leadership PACs and 501(C)4 accounts 4 Implement Election Day voter registration. 5. Permanently reinstate straight-ticket voting. 6 Allow no-reason absentee ballots. 7 Make all elected officials and state offices subject to Freedom of Information Act. 8. Ensure paper ballot backup and secure computer resources for all voting apparatus.

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: 1 Develop and fund an Office of Petroleum, Oils and Gases with responsibility for safe transportation policy and procedures separate from DEQ with continuous outside and rotating engineering analysis reports due annually. 2 We need to repair, protect and reinforce Line 5 while finding a realistic way to remove or replace. Shutting down line 5 will not happen on "day 1" – good story but too many legal and practical hurdles. 3 Work with Feds to ensure open ocean bilge pump outs on incoming freighters. This will open MI harbors while protecting the Great Lakes. 4 Work with IN, IL and OH to stop invasive carp.

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

A: 1 Put an end to economic segregation by increasing opportunities for meaningful, good paying jobs 2 Ensure open, honest, socially sensitive and professionally trained police force at village thru state levels 3 Prevent an "at will" employment law, it encourages and hides discrimination. 4 Promote strong unions as they help ensure women and minorities are paid equally, fairly and labor disputes handled properly 5 Make education and vocational training available to all, not just the wealthy – higher salaries provide all (including women and minorities) more access and opportunity

PHIL PHELPS, Democrat



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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative, Michigan's 49th District

Education: Bachelor's in Political Science from University of Michigan Flint

Qualifications / Experience: Current State Representative, former Chief of Staff for State Rep Pam Faris, former special advisor to House Democratic Leader Richard Hammel, former regional director of external affairs for the Granholm-Cherry Administration

Questions:

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

A: 1. Creating Good Paying Jobs and Increasing Working Class Wages. We have to get a \$15 minimum wage, support working families with paid leave, and secure our retirees benefits by repealing the pension tax and increasing revenue sharing. 2. Supporting Women, Minorities, and all those who historically have been discriminated against. Michigan should ensure equal pay for equal work and that women make their own health decisions. 3. Education. We need to reinvest in education so our young people are ready for the jobs of the future, as well as make college more affordable for all and invest in skilled labor training.

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 equitably fund our schools so that all students have a fair shot, and make sure that teachers have the resources they need, like supplies and up to date technology and books. As well, we need to be investing in our public colleges and universities and creating programs that pay back student loan debt for students that stay in Michigan and start their careers. Our students shouldn't be leaving college with massive debt. I also have been working on bills to ensure Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing students have the necessary resources to get the same quality education as their hearing peers.

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

A: Michigan needs repeal the terrible pension tax that has been stealing money from our retirees, switch to a graduated income tax so the wealthiest few pay their fair share, fully reinstate the Earned Income Tax credit, and enact a \$15 minimum wage. We also need to reinstate prevailing wage so we aren't paying laborers less for skilled work, repeal our right to work laws, and increase revenue sharing so that municipalities can properly fund their public services and give their retirees the pensions and benefits they worked so hard for.

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

A: We should be making it easier for our State's residents to vote. That's why we need better funding for our elections so that polling places can accommodate all voters who show up to the polls on election day. However, making people go to a polling place in the middle of a work day is a major inconvenience for many working class voters, which is why we also need no reason absentee voting. As well, our State should be reforming our campaign laws to make donation information more transparent as well as limit the corporate and large donors who disadvantage the voices of everyday citizens in the political process.

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: Representing part of the City of Flint during their ongoing Water Crisis, I understand just how lax our current environmental laws are. I have been fighting for years to get better lead and copper testing rules in place, including regular testing in schools and daycares. However, there are so many environmental issues our state is facing and we need to make sure we are safeguarding our natural resources. We need to be investing in alternative energies, and put in place policies that would protect our water from pollutants as well as from overuse and massive withdrawals by corporations, and to shut down Line 5.

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

A: This starts with equitable funding, we need to better fund schools and neighborhoods that have been systematically disadvantaged and make it possible for any student who chooses to attend college or training programs. We also need to increase our revenue sharing and reform our emergency manager laws so that our lower income municipalities are supported and not just taken over by unelected officials who only care about financial outcomes. Our State should also do what it can to ensure that women are in charge of their own health decisions not politicians and that all people make equal pay for equal work.

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