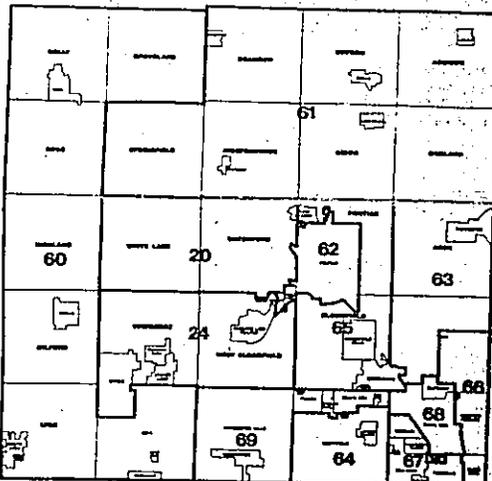


# STATE REPRESENTATIVES

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Michigan's state representatives serve two-year terms in the lower house of the legislature. They must be registered voters and residents of the district they represent. Salary is \$33,200 plus expenses up to \$8,700.

Candidates were asked to summarize their biographies in 35 words or less and to answer each of the following questions in 50 words or less:

1. Describe two of the major issues facing the state and how you would address these issues.
2. Should the "Voters Choice" tax rollback proposal be adopted? Why or why not?
3. Do you favor any changes in Michigan's current manner of recalling public officials?

## 24th House District

**MERLIN REEDS**, Democrat, 54, Walled Lake. Owner-manager of Merlita Data Systems, computer consulting firm; graduate of Michigan State University, BA in general business; worked for Dupont, IBM and Oakland Schools as an accountant, systems engineer and administrator; excellent business and management experiences.

1. a) Education funding inequities. b) Manpower retraining.
2. No. I believe the impact would be destructive.
3. No.

**MARVIN H. SUROWITZ**, Democrat. No reply received.

**DAVID HONIGMAN**, 28, Republican, West Bloomfield. JD, University of Michigan; AB, magna cum laude, Yale University; Judo, All-American; attorney, businessman; trustee, Michigan Cancer Foundation; ADL; AJC; Big brother; League of Women Voters; Food-for-hunger project; Republican 300 Club.

1. To enjoy sustained economic recovery, Michigan must dramatically improve its business climate by reducing burdensome taxation, eliminating profligate state spending, and streamlining oppressive government regulation.

Michigan can become an exemplar of educational excellence by requiring more coursework in the basics, promoting teaching excellence, insuring classroom discipline and reducing college tuition.

2. The rollback makes good economic sense, because it will dramatically improve Michigan's ability to compete for business investment and jobs. Furthermore, tax reduction generates more revenues (for social programs, education, . . .) than tax increase because it stimulates economic growth, thereby expanding the fund of income from which tax revenues are derived.

3. Sound principles of political accountability dictate that legislators be subject to removal from office for failing to represent the majority's interests.

However, to prevent zealous minorities from recalling legislators still enjoying majority support, recall should be imposed only where a majority of the prior election's total vote opts for removal.

**ROBERT D. MCGEE**, incumbent, Republican, 43, Union Lake. Attended Lawrence Institute of Technology; completed many governmental and business seminars, workshops and courses; 8½ years Commerce Township clerk; many years in appointed positions; married, three grown children; former business owner; presently your state representative.

1. We must reprioritize state spending with education being re-established as our top priority. We can't continue trying to do everything for everyone. Our business climate needs further and continuing improvement to attract new business, retain existing business, and provide quality jobs for our citizens.

2. "Voters' Choice" contains several good ideas such as a constitutional limit on the state income tax. But it goes much too far when it voids existing voter approved taxes such as the recent Walled Lake Schools millage. Taken as a whole, "Voters' Choice" does much more harm than good.

3. The citizens of our state should have the final decision on retaining public officials. I get concerned when recalls are based on a single issue. This has resulted in the loss of many good officials, especially in school boards and local government. On balance, our present system works reasonably well.

**SAMUEL M.J. SIMON**, Republican. No reply received.

## 64th House District

**MAXINE BERMAN**, incumbent, Democrat, 38, Southfield; BA, English, University of Michigan, 1964; state legislator, 1982-84; high school teacher, 1968-1978; freelance writing and public relations, 1979-1980; director, community research, cable TV, 1981-82; Job Training Coordinating Council.

1. a) Economic diversification: more emphasis on development and growth of small business, target industries, and cutting red tape. b) Job retraining and placement: Michigan needs a statewide computerized network to match the unemployed with jobs that actually exist, which also makes training much more effective.

2. I oppose "Voters' Choice." It will devastate our educational institutions, human services and environmental programs. Even recent tax reforms would probably have to be repealed, costing businesses especially millions of dollars. Continual statewide tax elections will play havoc with municipal treasuries.

3. While the right to recall should remain, the people who file the recall petitions should be residents of the legislator's district. It has also been suggested that the number of votes needed to recall an elected official exceed by one the number that elected the official.

**NORMAN L. SANDLES**, Democrat, 29, Southfield; B.A., University of Michigan; J.D., Wayne State Law School; master's degree in taxation, Wake College; attorney, general practice concentrating in taxation; background/experience: Consumer Action Center, Washington County Prosecutor's Office, district court mediator; tax consultant.

1. Reducing violent crime, eliminate the use of concurrent sentences for those convicted of multiple violent crimes. Abolish the right of voters of lenders to sue borrowers.

2. No. Voters should not be required to directly allocate 50% of their tax dollars to the funding of their choice of legislators. This rate is required to be 50% percent. This proposal, in conjunction with my plan for direct tax allocation, would allow citizens to work jointly with their elected representatives to determine both the size and form of the state budget.

3. A legislator must represent the interests of their constituents. This duty does not end on election day. Accordingly, it is necessary to have a system by which the elected representative is held accountable throughout their term of office. I do not favor any fundamental changes in the current recall procedure.

**PAUL L. KUTCHER**, Republican, 28, Southfield; graduate of Southfield-Lathrup High School, received B.A. from Michigan State University, James Madison College; currently a Detroit College of Law student; worked with the Marquette County Prosecutor's Office and Governor MERRILL's State of Michigan - Washington Office.

1. Improving Michigan's business climate and education system are two critical issues which must be faced. Modification of programs that have deterred attraction of business can improve our business climate and provide jobs. Improving our education system through increased funding to public schools will limit the burdens of millage proposals.

2. The "Voters' Choice" tax rollback should not be adopted because responsibility for tax legislation must be vested in legislators. Budget considerations are too vast for the voter to fairly weigh the interest of maintaining programs without being overruled by the self-interest to restrict taxes.

3. Michigan's current recall procedure should be maintained. We cannot ignore the voter's duty to assure that he always receives effective representation in state government. Since the present system requires voter participation and provides an effective check against abuse of office, legislators shall not be allowed to forget their constituents.

**MARKEY S. SIMON**, Republican. No reply received.

## 20th House District

**DAVID B. YOUNGQUIST**, Democrat, unopposed.

**CLAUDE A. TRIM**, Republican, unopposed.

## 61st House District

**BETTY A. McDOWELL**, Democrat, unopposed.

**MAT J. DUNASKISS**, incumbent, Republican, unopposed.

## 60th House District

**GLENN R. BETTS**, Democrat, unopposed.

**WILLIS C. BULLARD JR.**, incumbent, Republican, unopposed.

## 63rd House District

**VICKI L. KREMER**, Democrat, unopposed.

**GORDON J. SPARKS**, incumbent, Republican, unopposed.