

STATE SENATE

35TH DISTRICT

(Leelanau, Benzie, Manistee, Wexford, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Roscommon, Lake, Osceola, Clare, and Mecosta counties)

MICHELLE MCMANUS Republican

■ **AGE:** 36
■ **RESIDENCE:** Lake Leelanau
■ **EDUCATION:** Bachelor of political science from Central Michigan University, 1989; Traverse City High School, 1985.



■ **PROFESSION:** Quit as director of Gov. John Engler's northern office early this year to run for state Senate.

■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** State representative, 1992-98; director of Engler's northern office, 1999-2002.

■ **WHAT IS THE BIGGEST ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE IN THE DISTRICT AND WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT IT?:** Preservation of farmland is one of the bigger environmental issues that we face. I've already worked on the Farmland and Open Space Act as a representative. Need to look at different options, such as purchase of developmental rights. We need to look at the whole scope of different options. Leelanau County, where I live, is certainly getting a lot of pressure from people moving there. We're also looking at ways to make farm produce more profitable, such as value-added crops. If farmers can pay their bills, they can keep their land in farming. There are certainly others, like the diversion of water from our Great Lakes, which I oppose; and the issue of bringing exotic animals through ship's ballast water.

■ **GOALS:** Improving education; providing accessible, affordable health care; helping to create jobs and give businesses incentives to stay in north-west Michigan by keeping taxes low, phasing out single business tax, and funding for training.

DONALD ATKINSON Libertarian

■ **AGE:** 61
■ **RESIDENCE:** Harrison
■ **EDUCATION:** Clintondale High School, Macomb County, 1959.



■ **PROFESSION:** Retired inspection and production supervisor for General Motors.

■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** None.

■ **WHAT IS THE BIGGEST ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE IN THE DISTRICT AND WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT IT?:** Water issue. We're not protecting our waters, and a good example is the new water bottling plant in the area. We can't close it down now, but we can prevent it from happening again. We need stronger legislation to keep companies from coming in and just tapping into the water. They're getting it for free and it's affecting the water tables.

■ **GOALS:** To get legislation in place to protect our water. Would take seniors off of homestead and state income taxes. That would give them the money to pay for their prescriptions. I would like the government totally out of the school system. They've regulated and legislated them to the point where they're not working. We need to put it back into the communities. We spend more per child than other industrialized nations and they aren't educated the way they should be. Also, keeping taxes in check. Our county Libertarian party is working on getting an issue on the ballot that no taxes could be increased without a vote of the people.

CARL DAHLBERG SR. Democrat

■ **AGE:** 75
■ **RESIDENCE:** Northport
■ **EDUCATION:** Dearborn High School, 1944.



■ **PROFESSION:** Retired carpenter and former member of Carpenter's Local 982 in Garden City.

■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** Northport Village Council, 1978-82.

■ **WHAT IS THE BIGGEST ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE IN THE DISTRICT AND WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT IT?:** The "Save Our Shores" movement. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers won't allow people to remove vegetation on their beaches and it's become more of an issue with lower water levels. Somebody has to back the property owners. It's hard for this group to deal with the federal government and the state.

■ **GOALS:** Serving the community as honestly as possible and doing the best I can.

36th DISTRICT

(Ostego, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Ogemaw, Alpena, Alcona and Iosco counties)

ANDY NEUMANN Democrat

■ **AGE:** 42
■ **RESIDENCE:** Alpena
■ **EDUCATION:** Alpena High School graduate, attended classes at Alpena Community College



■ **PROFESSION:** Retired Alpena city firefighter and paramedic

■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** Four years as 106th District state representative, two years on Alpena County Board of Commissioners

■ **WHAT IS THE BIGGEST ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE IN YOUR DISTRICT AND WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT IT?:** Despite Gov. Engler and the oil industry, the Legislature acted this year to ban slant drilling under the Great Lakes, but there are still many problems that need our attention. Government, businesses, private organizations, and individuals must unite to protect the lakes from diversion, exploitation by giant corporations, and pollution.

■ **GOALS:** I just want to empower the citizens of the district, to represent them and to make sure their voices are heard.

TONY STAMAS Republican

■ **AGE:** 36
■ **RESIDENCE:** Midland
■ **PROFESSION:** Involved with family business, Pizza Sam's in Midland



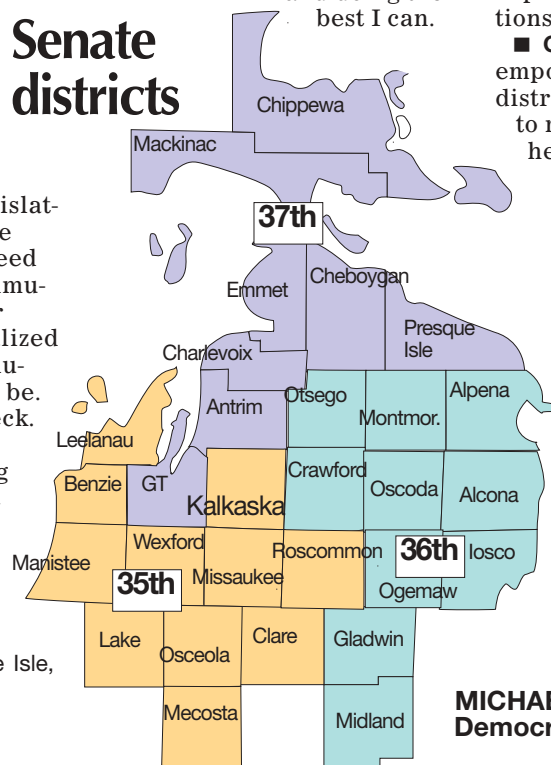
■ **EDUCATION:** Bachelor of arts degree in communications from Michigan State University

■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** Four years as 98th District State Representative, eight years on Midland County Board of Commissioners including two as chairman. Also former district director for state Sen. Bill Schuette.

■ **WHAT IS THE BIGGEST ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE IN YOUR DISTRICT AND WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT IT?:** We need to protect the Great Lakes from those who want to divert our water to other states and countries. It is critical that we keep control with the states and provinces that border the Great Lakes rather than make it a federal issue.

■ **GOALS:** I want to make sure we have a strong independent voice for northern Michigan and I think it's critical to be part of the apportionment process, making sure northern Michigan receives its fair share for health care, economic development and education.

Senate districts



MICHAEL ESTES Democrat

■ **AGE:** 52
■ **RESIDENCE:** Traverse City
■ **EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in accounting and master's degree in business administration from Western Michigan University
■ **PROFESSION:** Owns an investment company
■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** Former chairman of the Grand Traverse County Republican Party
■ **ENVIRONMENT:** "Preservation of our freshwater reserves. I would sponsor appropriation legislation to ensure those resources are protected at all cost."

■ **GOALS:** Improve the state's economy by improving government efficiency, encouraging more cooperation with business and private industry and expanding the promotion of Michigan tourism.



37TH DISTRICT

(Grand Traverse, Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Mackinac, Chippewa)

JASON ALLEN Republican

■ **AGE:** 39
■ **RESIDENCE:** Traverse City
■ **EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in finance from Miami of Ohio University
■ **PROFESSION:** State representative; clothier
■ **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** Two-term state representative; former Grand Traverse County commissioner
■ **ENVIRONMENT:** The issue of sprawl and the continued growth of the area. I would continue to work for in-fill and redevelopment of previously-developed sites through things like neighborhood enterprise zones and brownfield redevelopment"
■ **GOALS:** Wants to "continue to fight for Northern Michigan's fair share" of state revenues and for stable education funding.