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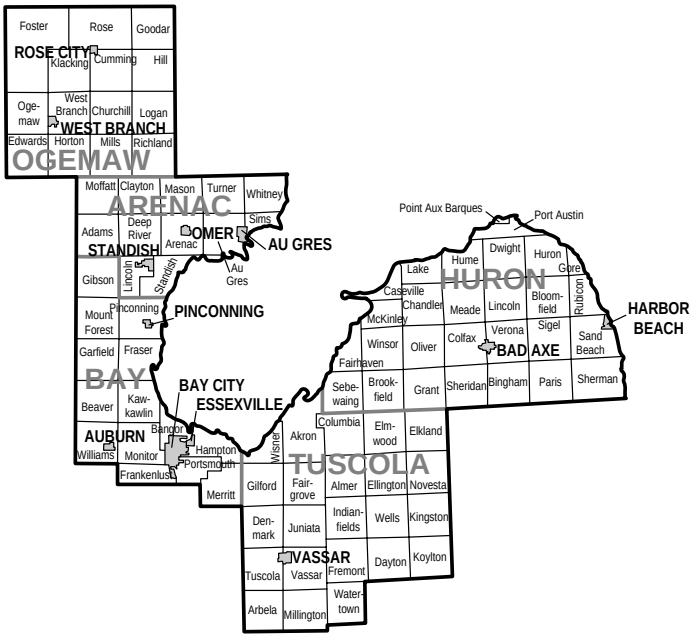
Committees: Appropriations (Subcommittees: Capital Outlay, Community Health (Chair), Family Independence Agency, Retirement (Chair)); Families, Mental Health and Human Services (Vice Chair); Famming, Agribusiness and Food Systems

Biography: Republican, of Bay County; born January 13, 1943, in Bay City; married, Kaye Gougeon 31 years; daughter, Amy; attended Bay City area schools before working his way through General Motors Institute by co-oping at Saginaw Valley Malleable Iron Foundry; received his mechanical engineering degree in 1966; served with the 497th "Nite Owl" Tactical Fighter Squadron, U.S. Air Force, where he rose to the rank of captain and flew 197 night combat missions in Vietnam; twice awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and decorated with 14 Air Medals; after completing five years of active military service, Senator Gougeon joined his brothers, Meade and Jan, to form Gougeon Brothers, Inc., a business that manufactured high-performance sailboats, West System (R) epoxy bonding adhesives, and wind energy blades; while with the company, Senator Gougeon has served as secretary/treasurer, president, and is currently a member of the board of directors; former president, Bay City Lions Club; original incorporator and current board member, Bay County Crime Stoppers; member, Elks, American Legion Post 18, and Vietnam Veterans Post 494; Bay County Board of Commissioners, 1984-1990; elected to the State Senate, 1993, 1994, and 1998.