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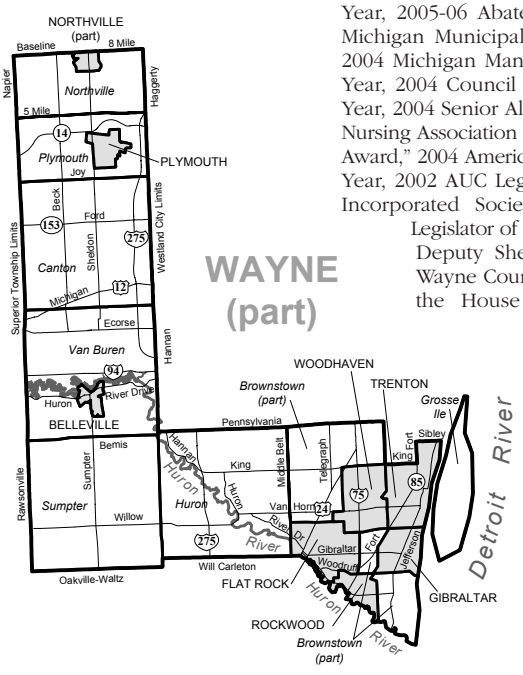
Committees: Energy Policy and Public Utilities (Chair); Health Policy; Judiciary; Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs; Legislative Council; Commission on Uniform State Laws

Biography: Republican, of Canton; native of Wayne County; B.A., Wayne State University, 1969; J.D., Wayne State University Law School, 1972; wife, Phyllis; three children, Denise (Anthony), Lauren (Jeff), Justin (Jessy) and granddaughter, Tannis; member, State Bar of Michigan, Suburban Bar Association; Fellow, State Bar Foundation of Michigan; served as President, McCabe, Middleton & Patterson, P.C.; Director of Planned Giving, Eastern Michigan University, 1991-94; past President, Canton Economic Club; past President, Canton Republican Club; Board of Directors, Educational Excellence Foundation for Plymouth-Canton Public Schools, 1989-97, and Canton Community Foundation; past chairman, American Arbitration Association; Board of Directors, First of America Bank – Western Wayne County region; Huron Valley Visiting Nurses' Fund Board, Schoolcraft College Foundation Board of Trustees, Republican Party's State Central Committee; recognition and awards include 1992 induction into Canton Township Hall of Fame, 2006 Michigan Education Association Friend of Public Education, 2006 Michigan League of Conservation Voters Environmental Leadership Award, 2006 Michigan Psychological Association Legislator of the Year, 2005-06 Abate of Michigan Iron Rider Award, 2005 Michigan Municipal League Distinguished Service Award, 2004 Michigan Manufacturers Association Advocate of the Year, 2004 Council of Nurse Practitioners Advocate of the Year, 2004 Senior Alliance Legislative Award, 2004 Michigan Nursing Association Legislator of the Year, "Friend of Nursing Award," 2004 American Institute of Architects Legislator of the Year, 2002 AUC Legislator of the Year; Board of Directors, Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers; 2006 Legislator of the Year Award, Michigan Court Officers, Deputy Sheriffs and Process Servers Association; Wayne County Commissioner, two terms; elected to the House of Representatives, 1998; Associate Speaker Pro Tempore (first freshman ever elected to this leadership position); reelected to the House of Representatives, 2000; Majority Floor Leader, 2001-02; elected to the State Senate, 2002, 2006.