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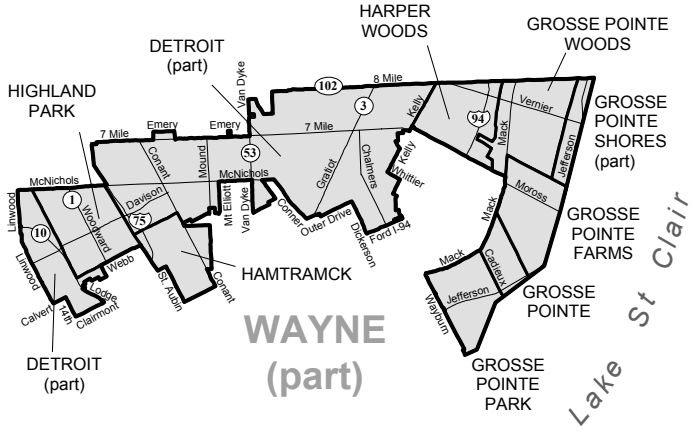
Committees: Appropriations (Subcommittees: Agriculture (Minority Vice Chair); Economic Development (Minority Vice Chair); Human Services (Minority Vice Chair); Capital Outlay)

Biography: Democrat, of Highland Park; graduate, Highland Park Junior College; honorary doctorate of law from the Urban Bible Institute of Detroit, 1990; honorary doctorate of humanities from the Tennessee School of Religion, 1994; retired from Michigan Bell after 26 years of service; two children, two grandchildren; active member of Russell Street Missionary Baptist Church; elected Democratic precinct delegate, 1972; appointed to the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, 1977; appointed to the Wayne County Civil Service Commission (vice chair), 1979; elected president of the Highland Park City Council, 1984-1987; elected first woman mayor of Highland Park, 1988 (first African-American woman elected mayor of a Michigan city); elected State Representative of the 6th House District, 1994, 1996, 1998; founder and president of the nonprofit M.G. Scott Foundation (2003); active in the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence – Greater Detroit (2004 president); Women in Government (2006-2008 state director); the National Foundation for Women Legislators; the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (vice chair of Committee on Insurance); the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus (2007 executive vice chair); and many other organizations; 1998 fellow at the prestigious Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development; Michigan NOW's 2005 Legislator of the Year – Senate; Michigan Prevention Association's 2006 Legislator of the Year; 2006 Women's Justice Center's Leadership Award; Michigan Fatherhood Coalition's 2006 Child Advocacy Award; Michigan After-School Partnership's 2006 and 2007 Legislative Hero Award; Fight Crime: Invest in Kids' 2004 and 2006 Crime Fighters Award; Michigan Network for Youth and Families 2007 Legislative Leader Award; Michigan Democratic Women's Caucus 2004 Eleanor Roosevelt Award; Michigan's Children's 2002 Do Something Wonderful for Children Award; Outstanding Leadership Award for continued work on bilingual education at Eastern Michigan University; 2009 Habitat for Humanity Public Official of the Year; elected to the State Senate in a special election, March 20, 2001, reelected 2002, 2006.