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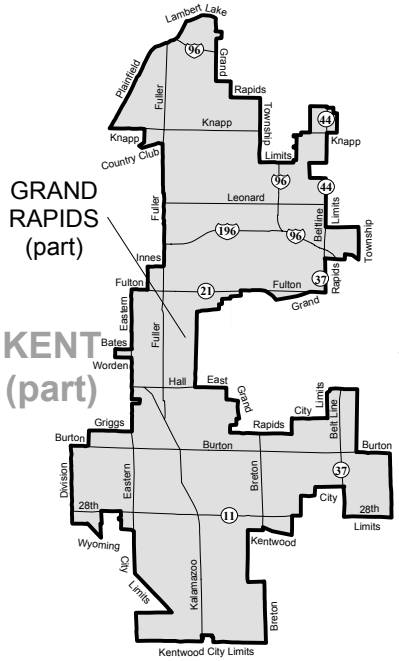
Committees: Appropriations (Subcommittees: Special Governmental Operations (Chair); Investigations, Intergovernmental Affairs and Oversight (Vice Chair); Joint Capital Outlay (Vice Chair); Supplementals (Vice Chair); Higher Education; Transportation

Biography: Democrat, of Grand Rapids; born 1954 in Grand Rapids; wife Betty; children, Robert and Nathan, four grandchildren; graduate of Grand Rapids Central High School; studied at Ferris State University; honorary bachelor's degree, Grand Rapids Junior College; worked for Interstate Brands, AFL-CIO member for seven years; founded New Life Church of God in Christ in 1980; has served as member of more than two dozen boards for civic, charitable, religious, and education organizations; member, NAACP; member and four-year president, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance; ten years as night chaplain for Spectrum Hospital; 1994 graduate of Michigan Political Leadership Program; 2008 Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development (BILLD) Fellow; 2007 DADS and MOMS Legislator of the Year; 2008 recipient of Grand Rapids Central High School Distinguished Alumni Award; member, Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, 1990-1996, president 1995-1996; member, Grand Rapids City Commission, 1999-2006, president, 2002 and 2003; elected to the House of Representatives, 2006, 2008.