

ANN JOHNSON STEWART

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE | DISTRICT 44



Ann is a civil engineer and businesswoman. She started a successful business in a basement over two decades ago, which is now a flourishing enterprise with 24 employees. She understands the importance of government-supported infrastructure funding, and her company has worked successfully with townships, cities, counties, and the state to build publicly-funded roads, bridges, and buildings. She is eager to bring her engineering and infrastructure skills to the Capitol.

Ann is also a teacher. For over 20 years, she's taught at the University of Minnesota—Twin Cities and local technical colleges, creating and teaching classes to maintenance workers, engineers, tradespeople, and managers. These experiences give her insight into the challenges and needs the state faces when it comes to education, workforce development, and post-secondary training.

Ann's also a wife, a mother, a stepmom, and a grandma, and has worked hard to balance a loving home and family with the demands of business, teaching, and community service. As a collaborator and teacher at heart, she knows that everyone's perspectives should be represented and challenges addressed, and as State Senator will work diligently to ensure a voice for all people in all areas – especially those who currently have no voice and little power in government.

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ON THE ISSUES

INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORTATION

A civil engineer by profession, Ann will fight to create a comprehensive, 10-year plan to fund improved infrastructure safety, to implement transit alternatives to decrease traffic congestion, and to increase funding for the Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant program.

CLIMATE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

With the federal government taking so little action on climate change, Ann will advance Minnesota state government's power and funding to address the threat of climate change and improve the health of the environment for her constituents. She is also interested in exploring incentives for homeowners to install solar panels in their homes, and to invest in other clean and renewable energy sources.

EDUCATION

Ann cares immensely about public education and will fight to increase funding for the public education system, from pre-K through high school to public

colleges and universities. She will fight to establish and support programs to help working adults earn higher education degrees and certificates to move into better jobs, including paths to construction jobs and other skilled labor forces.

HEALTHCARE

Ann supports increased access to health insurance, regardless of where and whether an individual works. She will also fight to increase access to quality healthcare, especially in rural Minnesota. Finally, Ann seeks to ensure individual autonomy over healthcare decisions, particularly for reproductive health services like birth control and abortion.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Ann will fight to increase employment opportunities and training for all workers and will fight for a statewide \$15 minimum wage.



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REDUCING GUN VIOLENCE

Ann will work tirelessly to pass “red flag” laws and universal background check laws to ensure safety from gun violence.

ADVOCATING FOR THE DISABLED

Ann seeks to advocate for inclusivity and accessibility for disabled people and their families, especially regarding public buildings and sidewalks that are not currently accessible. Additionally, she will address discrepancies in the quality of healthcare and benefits received by disabled people and their families.

PAST RESULTS IN THE DISTRICT

2016 STATE LEGISLATIVE

Democrat: 25,114, 49.8%
Republican: 25,298, 50.2%

2018 U.S. SENATE

Democrat: 32,381; 67.7%
Republican: 15,474; 32.3%

2018 Congressional:

Democrat: 28,775; 59.3%
Republican: 19,765; 40.7%

2016 PRESIDENTIAL

Clinton: 28,361; 55.39%
Trump: 18,986; 37.08%

2012 PRESIDENTIAL

Obama: 26,431; 51.27%
Romney: 24,436; 47.40%

ABOUT THE DISTRICT

Nested Congressional Districts

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Minnesota’s 34th Senate District sits in Southeast Minnesota, encompassing the cities of Maple Grove, Osseo, Dayton, and Rogers.

ABOUT THE OPPONENT

The current Republican incumbent Paul Anderson, did not file to run for reelection, so this seat is open in 2020. [Greg Pulles](#) is running for the Republican nomination. While Pulles does not have a voting record, his [campaign website](#) makes it clear that he is a right-winger in Trump’s mold. In fact, his site extolls the virtues of Donald Trump, stating that Trump’s achievements have been “incredible” - particularly his foreign policies and his support for the oil industry. Pulles also makes his pro-gun and anti-abortion positions crystal clear.

WHY THIS RACE IS IMPORTANT

The Minnesota Senate is the best Democratic chamber-flip opportunity of 2020. Democrats are down just 2 seats in this chamber, which has not been up since 2016. This means there are great districts that have trended towards Democrats since their last election, which are ripe for flipping this year.

Flipping this chamber would deliver a Democratic trifecta to the state of Minnesota, since Governor Tim Walz is a Democrat who is not up in 2020, and Democrats flipped the state house blue in 2018.

These are ‘last chance’ races: whoever is elected in 2020 will draw the next round of district lines.

DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

| Popula- tion | House- holds | Over 65 | White | Black | Latinx | Asian | Other | Median Income | % Poverty | % Un- employ- ment | % College | %HS Grad | %No HS |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| 84,924 | 35,107 | 16.4% | 81.1% | 4.3% | 3.4% | 8.6% | .2% | \$95,693 | 4.6% | 2.3% | 69.3% | 28.4% | 2.3% |



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MINNESOTA FAST FACTS

- **Current Control: Divided.** Governor – D; Senate – R; House – D
- **Gubernatorial Election:** Not in 2020
- **Length of State Senate Term:** 4 years
- **Candidate Filing Deadline:** June 2, 2020 (DFL endorsement conventions held earlier)
- **State Legislative Primary Date:** August 11, 2020 (subject to change)
- **Redistricting:** Congressional and state legislative lines drawn by state legislature; Governor has veto power over maps
- **Electoral College Votes:** 10

BROADER 2020 OPPORTUNITIES

Minnesota is a critical battleground presidential state. Trump narrowly lost Minnesota (44.9% to Clinton's 46.4%) and plans to work hard to win it in 2020. His campaign has already [announced a strategy](#) to aggressively target small, often overlooked counties in MN to add up to a statewide win. Democrats cannot take MN's 10 Electoral College votes for granted this year.

There is also an important Senate race in Minnesota this year, where Democrats must protect Tina Smith's seat, as well as competitive Congressional races (including MN-07 and MN-02).

Working to support MN State Senate candidates will be instrumental in helping drive turnout up and down the ticket in this historic election year.

