

**VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**U.S. SENATE**

**Tuesday, August 7, 2018**  
**POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

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You may VOTE in ONLY ONE PARTY'S PRIMARY for ALL partisan offices on ballot.

**Note: Candidates are ordered within each office by party with Republicans preceding Democrats.**

**For additional candidate responses to questions on specific policy areas, go to [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org)**

**3 Candidates for SENATOR for ONE 6-year term**  
**2 Republicans and 1 Democrats are running for this office**

<b>CANDIDATES for</b> <b>U.S. Senate</b> <b>ONE 6-year term</b> <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i>	<b>Biographical information:</b>	<b>Question 1:</b> <b>What are your top three national legislative priorities and how would you address them?</b>
<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>JOHN JAMES</b>                      P. O. Box 27363                      Lansing, MI 48909</p>	<p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://johnjamesforsenate.com">johnjamesforsenate.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b>  <a href="http://www.facebook.com/JohnJamesMI/">http://www.facebook.com/JohnJamesMI/</a>                      Twitter @JohnJamesMI  <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> President of James Group International and CEO of Renaissance Global Logistics  <b>Education:</b> United States Military Academy, Bachelor of Science Penn State University, Master of Supply Chain Management and Information Systems University of Michigan, Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)  <b>Qualifications / Experience:</b> I spent half of my adult life serving this country. I led two platoons in Iraq and brought all my men home to their families. The other half of my adult life was spent serving my community and creating jobs right here in Michigan. I served on the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund and the Board of Directors of the Jalen Rose Leadership Academy.</p>	<p>1. Economic Opportunity. Putting in place a tax policy that helps create the environment where jobs can be created and where families keep more of what they earn to meet their needs.</p> <p>2. National Security and Veterans. We also have to take care of our veterans. The toughest fight our forces face should not be in a VA hospital. This in particular is a priority for me when I reach the Senate.</p> <p>3. Infrastructure. In the 44 years Debbie Stabenow has been in elected office, our state has crumbled. Upgrading the Soo Locks and our roads must become a national priority. Debbie Stabenow has failed to do anything about either.</p>

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<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>SANDY PENSLER</b>                      P. O. Box 11086                      Lansing, MI 48901</p>	<p><b>Website:</b> <a href="https://penslerforsenate.com">https://penslerforsenate.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b>  <a href="http://www.facebook.com/PenslerForSenate/">http://www.facebook.com/PenslerForSenate/</a>  <b>Twitter:</b> @SandyPensler  <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> President/Owner Pensler Capital President/Owner Korex Companies  <b>Education:</b> Yale University BA chemical engineering BA economics MA economics Harvard Law School JD. All degrees with honors  <b>Qualifications / Experience:</b> Worked turning around and advising board of directors at Navistar, Chrysler, Pulte Homes, General Electric, Norfolk Southern, Scholastic, Sprint, Choice Hotels, Kindred Healthcare, ManorCare, Credit Suisse, Doubleday, Manpower, TJX et al. Taught economics at Yale and Harvard Started and grew my own company Pensler Capital Corp. Purchased failing companies and worked to turned them around.</p>	<p>Create Great Jobs in Michigan: Make Michigan first in job creation and wages by continuing to lower taxes, decreasing unnecessary regulations and renegotiating bad trade deals.</p> <p>Improve Education: We need to emphasize and support the benefits of choice and competition in our schools and embrace technology. We must reward teachers with incentives based on performance rather than seniority.</p> <p>Reduce the Deficit: We must make hard choices to reduce the deficit. Every program must be reviewed on the basis of is it worth borrowing from our kids and grandkids to fund. If the answer is no, it must be stopped!</p>
<p><i>Democrat</i>  <b>DEBBIE STABENOW</b>                      P. O. Box 4945                      East Lansing, MI 48826</p>	<p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://debbiestabenow.com">debbiestabenow.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b>  <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stabenow/">http://www.facebook.com/stabenow/</a>  <b>Twitter:</b> @stabenow  <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> U.S. Senator  <b>Education:</b> Michigan State University, B.A, MSW  <b>Qualifications / Experience:</b> As the first woman elected to the United States Senate from Michigan, I have a strong record of getting things done for Michigan families. I will continue to be a champion for Michigan and to work across the aisle to help move Michigan forward.</p>	<p>One of my top priorities is helping create jobs in Michigan. I am focused on growing a diverse economy that includes manufacturing and technology, small business creation and agriculture, education and career training. The first bill I passed into law as a U.S. Senator banned oil and gas drilling in the Great Lakes. I authored the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative that has been successful in cleaning up our waters and led the fight to restore funding after President Trump tried to zero it out. I have been a champion for Michigan agriculture and rural communities and authored the 2014 and 2018 bipartisan Farm Bills.</p>

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