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Matthew Ruby

Matthew Ruby (Republican Party) is a member of the North Dakota House of Representatives, representing District 40. He assumed office on December 1, 2016. His current term ends on December 1, 2024.

Ruby (Republican Party) ran for re-election to the North Dakota House of Representatives to represent District 40. He won in the general election on November 3, 2020.

Ruby completed Ballotpedia's Candidate Connection survey in 2020: Click here to read the survey answers.

Matthew Ruby
Republican Party
North Dakota House of Representatives District 40
Elected
2016 - present
Term ends
2024
Years in position
4
Biographical information
Date of birth: 03/07/1964
Place of birth: Minot, North Dakota
Education and occupation
Education: Bachelor's degree
Current occupation: Retired
Contact information
Office: Box 1111 Minot, ND 58702
Campaign website: Matthew Ruby for State Representative District 40
Personal Facebook

Biography

Matthew Ruby was born in Minot, North Dakota. He has been in the United States Army since 2003. Ruby attended school at Minot State University.[1]

Committee assignments

The membership information was last updated in March 2023. Ballotpedia compiles yearly updates of committee membership. If you would like to send us an update, email us at ballotpedia@ballotpedia.org.

2021-2022

Ruby was assigned to the following committees:

- House Human Services Committee
- House Energy and Natural Resources Committee

2019-2020

Ruby was assigned to the following committees:

- House Energy and Natural Resources Committee
- House Human Services Committee

2017 legislative session

At the beginning of the 2017 legislative session, this legislator served on the following committee(s):

North Dakota committee assignments, 2017
2017
Education
Energy and Natural Resources

Sponsored legislation

The following table lists bills sponsored by this legislator. Bills are monitored by BillTrack50 and sorted by action history. The following list may not be comprehensive. To see all bills sponsored by this person, click on the legislator's name in the title of the table.

Bills Sponsored by: Matthew Ruby

ND HB1134 - Relating to nondriver photo identification.
A 9(1), for an act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 39-06.1-04 of the North Dakota century code, relating to the ...
and subsection 1 of section 39-06.1-4.2 of the North Dakota century code, relating to nondriver photo identification cards and operator...
01/23/2023 Committee hearing (HL)[2]

ND HB1219 - Relating to prohibiting a political su...
A 8(1), for an act to create and enact a new section to chapter 16.1-08 of the North Dakota century code, relating to the North Dakota ethics commission, relating to prohibiting a political subdivision from establishing the committee, or ...

Elections

2020

See also North Dakota House of Representatives elections, 2020

General election

General election for North Dakota House of Representatives District 40 (2 seats)

Incumbent Matthew Ruby and incumbent Randy Schatzinger defeated Kalyn Dewitt and Robert E. Kisler in the general election for North Dakota House of Representatives District 40 on November 3, 2020.

	Candidate	%	Votes
✓	Matthew Ruby (I)	35.4%	3,224
✓	Randy Schatzinger (I)	34.4%	2,948
	Kalyn Dewitt (D)	16.7%	1,413
	Robert E. Kisler (D)	13.4%	1,154
	Write-in votes	0.1%	14
		Total votes: 8,753	

✓ = Incumbent; ✓ = Incumbent and winner; Votes = The results have been certified. Source: Secretary of State of North Dakota Elections Division

Source for incumbent status: Ballotpedia's Candidate Connection survey

Democratic primary election

Democratic primary election for North Dakota House of Representatives District 40 (2 seats)

Kalyn Dewitt and Robert E. Kisler advanced from the Democratic primary for North Dakota House of Representatives District 40 on June 9, 2020.

	Candidate	%	Votes
✓	Kalyn Dewitt	55.7%	425
✓	Robert E. Kisler (I)	44.3%	362
		Total votes: 787	

✓ = Incumbent; ✓ = Incumbent and winner; Votes = The results have been certified. Source: Secretary of State of North Dakota Elections Division

Source for incumbent status: Ballotpedia's Candidate Connection survey

Republican primary election

Republican primary for North Dakota House of Representatives District 40 (2 seats)

Incumbent Randy Schatzinger and incumbent Matthew Ruby advanced from the Republican primary for North Dakota House of Representatives District 40 on June 9, 2020.

	Candidate	Votes
✓	Randy Schatzinger (I)	1,343
✓	Matthew Ruby (I)	1,239
	Other/Write-in votes	4
		Total votes: 2,586

✓ = Incumbent; ✓ = Incumbent and winner; Votes = The results have been certified. Source: Secretary of State of North Dakota Elections Division

Source for incumbent status: Ballotpedia's Candidate Connection survey

2016

See also North Dakota House of Representatives elections, 2016

Elections for the North Dakota House of Representatives took place in 2016. The primary election took place on June 14, 2016, and the general election was held on November 8, 2016. The candidate filing deadline was April 01, 2016. Incumbents Matthew Klein (R) and Robert Kreidt(no PR) did not seek re-election.

Matthew Ruby and Randy Schatzinger defeated Heidi Rintoul and A.J. Schultz in the North Dakota House of Representatives District 40 general election.[3][4]

North Dakota House of Representatives District 40 General Election, 2016 [hide]

Party	Candidate	Votes %	Votes
Republican	✓ Matthew Ruby	27.67%	2,949
Republican	✓ Randy Schatzinger	25.68%	2,752
Democratic	Heidi Rintoul	19.81%	2,122
Democratic	A.J. Schultz	18.84%	1,019
	Total Votes		**3,046**

Source: North Dakota Secretary of State

Heidi Rintoul and A.J. Schultz were unopposed in the North Dakota House of Representatives District 40 Democratic primary.[5][6]

North Dakota House of Representatives, District 40 Democratic Primary, 2016

Party	Candidate
Democratic	✓ Heidi Rintoul
Democratic	✓ A.J. Schultz

Matthew Ruby and Randy Schatzinger were unopposed in the North Dakota House of Representatives District 40 Republican primary.[7][8]

North Dakota House of Representatives, District 40 Republican Primary, 2016

Party	Candidate
Republican	✓ Matthew Ruby
Republican	✓ Randy Schatzinger

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CANDIDATE CONNECTION

Matthew Ruby completed Ballotpedia's Candidate Connection survey in 2020. The survey questions appear in bold and are followed by Ruby's responses. Candidates are asked three required questions. In this survey, but they can answer additional optional questions as well.

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- Who are you? Tell us about yourself.
- Please list three (key messages of your campaign. What are the main points you want voters to remember about your goals for your time in office?
- What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about?
- Who do you look up to? Whose example would you like to follow, and why?
- Is there a book, essay, film, or something else you would recommend to someone who wants to understand your political philosophy?
- What characteristics or principles are most important for an elected official?
- What qualities do you possess that you believe would make you a successful officeholder?
- What do you believe are the core responsibilities for someone elected to this office?
- What legacy would you like to leave?
- What is the first historical event that happened in your lifetime that you remember? How did were you at the time?
- What was your very first job? How long did you have it?
- What's your favorite book? Why?
- If you could be any fictional character, who would you want to be?
- What was the last song that got stuck in your head?
- What is something that has been a struggle in your life?
- Every state besides Nebraska has two legislative chambers. What do you consider the most important difference between the legislative chambers in your state?
- Do you believe that it's beneficial for state legislators to have previous experience in government or politics?
- What do you perceive to be your state's greatest challenges over the next decade?
- What do you believe is the ideal relationship between the governor and the state legislature?
- Do you believe it's beneficial to build relationships with other legislators? Please explain your answer.
- What process do you have for redistricting?
- If you are a current legislator, what appealed to you about your current constituents?
- If you are not currently a member of your party's leadership in the legislature, would you be interested in joining the leadership? If so, in what role?
- Is there a particular legislator, past or present, whom you want to model yourself after?
- Are you interested in running for a different political office (for example, the U.S. Congress or governor) in the future?
- Both sitting legislators and candidates for office have many personal stories from the residents of their district. Is there a story you'd like to share that you found particularly touching, memorable, or impactful?

Note: Ballotpedia reserves the right to edit Candidate Connection survey responses. Any edits made by Ballotpedia will be clearly marked with (Ballotpedia) for the public. If the candidate disagrees with an edit, he or she may request the full removal of the survey response from Ballotpedia(no date) Ballotpedia does not edit or correct typographical errors unless the candidate's campaign requests it.

Campaign donors

Note: The finance data shown here comes from the disclosures required of candidates and parties. Depending on the election or state, this may represent only a portion of all the funds spent on their behalf. Scientific spending groups may or may not have expected funds related to the candidate or politician on whose page you are reading this information. Ballotpedia does not independently verify the accuracy of the data. Campaign finance data can be found at the FEC website. Click here for more or federal campaign finance law and here for more on state campaign finance law.

Matthew Ruby campaign contribution history

	Donor	Amount
2016	North Dakota House of Representatives, District 40	$3,050
	Grand total raised	$3,050

Source: Follow the Money ↗

2016

Ruby ran unopposed in the North Dakota House of Representatives in 2016. During that election cycle, Ruby raised a total of $3,050.

North Dakota House of Representatives 2016 election - campaign finance [hide]

Top contributors to Matthew Ruby's campaign in 2016	
Minot Area Republican Women	$800
House Republican Caucus Of North Dakota	$500
NODPac	$300
Brief Railway	$300
Nelson Energy	$300
Total raised in 2016	**$3,050**

Source: Follow the Money ↗

Scorecards

See also: State legislative scorecards and State legislative scorecards in North Dakota

A scorecard evaluates a legislator's voting record. Its purpose is to inform voters about the legislator's political positions. Various groups use different methods to gather information and assign ratings, which report should be considered on its own merits. For example, an advocacy group's scorecard may assess a legislator's voting record on one issue while a state newspaper's scorecard may evaluate the voting record in its entirety.

Ballotpedia does not rate legislators' voting records. Instead, it compiles ratings from selected scorecards. Some states have a limited number of available scorecards or scorecards produced only by select groups. It is Ballotpedia's goal to incorporate all available scorecards regardless of ideology or number.

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