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Gary Lee

Gary Lee (Republican Party) was a member of the North Dakota State Senate, representing District 22. Lee was elected in November 2018 and was left office on November 30, 2020.

Lee (Republican Party) ran for re-election to the North Dakota State Senate to represent District 22. Lee won in the general election on November 8, 2016.

Lee served as state Senate president pro tempore from 2017 to 2018.

Lee served on the Casselton City Council and the Central Cass School Board.[1]

Gary Lee

Republican Party

North Dakota State Senate District 22
Successor: Rick Weber

Education	
Bachelor's	North Dakota State University, Fargo

Military	
Service / branch	U.S. Army
Years of service	1969 - 1971

Personal	
Religion	Christian
Profession	Small business owner

Contact
Official website

Biography

Lee earned his B.A. from North Dakota State University. His professional experience includes working as a small business owner. He served in the United States Army as a Specialist Fifth Class from 1969 to 1971.[2][3]

Committee assignments

2019-2020

Lee was assigned to the following committees:

- Senate Appropriations Committee

2017 legislative session

At the beginning of the 2017 legislative session, this legislator served on the following committees:

North Dakota committee assignments, 2017	[hide]
Appropriations	

2015 legislative session

At the beginning of the 2015 legislative session, Lee served on the following committees:

North Dakota committee assignments, 2015	[show]

2013-2014

In the 2013-2014 legislative session, Lee served on the following committees:

North Dakota committee assignments, 2013	[show]

2011-2012

In the 2011-2012 legislative session, Lee served on these committees:

North Dakota committee assignments, 2011	[show]

2009-2010

In the 2009-2010 legislative session, Lee served on these committees:

North Dakota committee assignments, 2013	[show]

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: Gary Lee

ND HB1320 - The Theodore Roosevelt presidential
A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the Theodore Roosevelt presidential library and museum endowment fund; to provide a continuing appropriation; to provide for a ...
04/24/2019 Last on table

ND SB2195 - AN ACT to provide an appropriation f...
AN ACT to provide an appropriation for veterans' spouses and dependents burial fees at the veterans' cemetery; ...
02/11/2019 Senate Appropriations

Elections

2020

See also: *North Dakota State Senate elections, 2020*

Gary Lee did not file to run for re-election.

2016

See also: *North Dakota State Senate elections, 2016*

Elections for the North Dakota State Senate 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 11, 2016.

Incumbent Gary Lee defeated Steven Allard in the North Dakota State Senate District 22 general election.[5][6]

North Dakota State Senate, District 22 General Election, 2016			[hide]
Party	Candidate	Vote %	Votes
Republican	✓ **Gary Lee Incumbent**	70.60%	6,279
Democratic	Steven Allard	29.40%	2,615
	Total Votes		**8,894**

Source: North Dakota Secretary of State ⧉

Steven Allard ran unsuccessful in the North Dakota State Senate District 22 Democratic primary.[7][8][9]

Incumbent Gary Lee unsuccessful in the North Dakota State Senate District 22 Republican primary.[7][8][9]

2012

See also: *North Dakota State Senate elections, 2012*

Lee ran in the 2012 election for North Dakota Senate District 22. Lee ran unsuccessful in the Republican primary on June 12. He defeated Jessica Arneson (D) in the general election, which took place on November 6, 2012.[10][11]

North Dakota State Senate, District 22, General Election, 2012			[Collapse]
PARTY	CANDIDATE	VOTE %	VOTES
Republican	✓**Gary Lee Incumbent**	61.7%	4,516
Democratic	Jessica Arneson	38.2%	2,795
Other	Write-in	0.2%	11
Total Votes			**7,322**

2008

See also: *North Dakota State Senate elections, 2008*

On November 4, 2008, Lee was re-elected to the 22nd District Seat in the North Dakota State Senate, beating John Lund (D).[12] Lee raised $8,683 for his campaign, while Lund raised $3,600.[13][14]

North Dakota State Senate, District 22 (2008)	
Candidates	**Votes**
✓ **Gary Lee (R)**	**5,222**
John Lund (D)	4,070

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. Satellite spending groups may or may not have expended funds related to the candidate or politician on whose page you are reading this disclaimer. Campaign finance data from elections may be incomplete. For elections in federal offices, complete data can be found at the FEC website ⧉. Click here for more on federal campaign finance law and here for more on state campaign finance law.*

Gary Lee campaign contribution history			
Year	Office	Result	Contributions
2016	North Dakota State Senate, District 22	✓	$9,000
2012	North Dakota State Senate, District 22	✓	$7,350
2008	North Dakota State Senate, District 22	✓	$8,683
2004	North Dakota State Senate, District 22	✓	$1,212
2002	North Dakota State Senate, District 22	✓	$1,250
Grand total raised			**$27,313**

Source: Follow the Money ⧉

2016

Lee won re-election to the North Dakota State Senate in 2016. During that election cycle, Lee raised a total of **$9,000**.

North Dakota State Senate 2016 election - campaign contributions	[hide]
Top contributors to Gary Lee's campaign in 2016	
NaRca	$1,250
Nuclear Energy	$1,000
North American Coal	$1,000
Brief Railway	$500
North Dakota Senate Republican Caucus	$1,250
Total raised in 2016	**$9,000**

Source: Follow the Money ⧉

2012

Lee won re-election to the North Dakota State Senate in 2012. During that election cycle, Lee raised a total of **$7,150**.

North Dakota State Senate 2012 election - campaign contributions	[show]

2008

Lee won re-election to the North Dakota State Senate in 2008. During that election cycle, Lee raised a total of **$8,601**.

North Dakota State Senate 2008 election - Campaign Contributions	[show]

2004

Lee won re-election to the North Dakota State Senate in 2004. During that election cycle, Lee raised a total of **$1,212**.

North Dakota State Senate 2004 election - Campaign Contributions	[show]

2002

Lee won election to the North Dakota State Senate in 2002. During that election cycle, Lee raised a total of **$1,250**.

North Dakota State Senate 2002 election - Campaign Contributions	[show]

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. Because scorecards have varying purposes and methodologies, each 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 is in the process of developing an encyclopedic list of published 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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2020

In 2020, the North Dakota State Legislature was not in session.

2019

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2018

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2017

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NDPC: North Dakota Legislative Review

See also: *North Dakota Policy Council Legislative Review (2015)*

The North Dakota Policy Council, a North Dakota-based nonprofit research organization which describes itself as "liberty-based", published the **North Dakota Legislative Review**, a comprehensive report on how state legislators voted during the 2011 legislative session. The scorecard seeks to show how North Dakota legislators voted on the principles the Council seeks to promote. The Council recorded and scored votes on both sponsoring bills and policy bills, and awarded points accordingly. Policy issues voted upon included income tax cuts, pension reform, and government transparency. On spending legislation, the Council accorded a percentage score based on how much spending the legislator voted against. On policy legislation, scores range from the highest score (200%) to the lowest (0%). A higher score indicates that the legislator voted more in favor of the values supported by the Council.[15] Lee received a score of 81.82% on policy legislation and voted against 2.77% of state spending. On policy, Lee was ranked 15th and on spending was ranked 24th, out of 46 Senate members evaluated for the study.[16]

Personal

Note: Please contact us ⧉ if the personal information below requires an update.
Lee and his wife, Joan, have two children. They currently reside in Casselton, North Dakota.[1]

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Footnotes

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Preceded by	**North Dakota State Senate District 22** 2000-2020	Succeeded by **Mark Weber (R)**

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