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Ray Vandeveer

Ray Vandeveer (b. July 8, 1953) is a former Republican member of the Minnesota State Senate, representing District 52 from 2007 to 2013. Before becoming a senator, Vandeveer was a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1999 to 2007.

Ray Vandeveer	
Republican Party	
Prior offices	
Minnesota House of Representatives	
Minnesota State Senate District 52	
Education	
Bachelor's	Saint Cloud State University
Personal	
Religion	Christian: Protestant
Profession	Real estate appraiser

Biography

Vandeveer graduated with his bachelor's degree from St. Cloud State and is a former real estate appraiser.

Committee assignments

2011-2012

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

- Commerce and Consumer Protection
- Energy, Utilities, Technology, and Communications
- Local Government and Elections, Chair

2009-2010

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

- Commerce and Consumer Protection
- Economic Development and Housing Budget Division
- Energy, Utilities, Technology and Communications[2]

Elections

2010

See also: Minnesota State Senate elections, 2010

Vandeveer won re-election to the 52nd District seat in 2010. He had no primary opposition. Becky Siekmeier ran for the seat on the DFL ticket and John McCallum ran for the Independence Party. The general election took place on November 2, 2010.

Minnesota State Senate, District 52 (2010)		
Candidates	Votes	Percent
✓ **Ray Vandeveer (R)**	**23184**	**55.89%**
Becky Siekmeier (DFL)	15343	36.98%
John McCallum (I)	2941	7.09%
Write-In	17	0.04%

2006

On November 7, 2006, Vandeveer won re-election to the 52nd District Seat in the Minnesota State Senate, defeating David Francis (DFL).[2]

Minnesota State Senate, District 52 (2006)		
Candidates	Votes	Percent
✓ **Ray Vandeveer (R)**	**21,472**	52.41%
David Francis (DFL)	19,455	47.48%
Write-In	46	0.11%

Campaign donors

2010

In 2010, Vandeveer received $36,517 in campaign donations. The top contributors are listed below.[3]

Minnesota State Senate 2010 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

2006

In 2006, Vandeveer collected $49,064 in donations.[4]

His five largest contributors in 2006 were:

Donor	Amount
Public Fund	$15,700
Michele Bachmann Senate District 52 Committee	$5,000
National Federation of Independent Business	$500
Marjorie Carpenter	$500
Dorsey & Whitney	$500

Scorecards

Taxpayers League of Minnesota

The *Taxpayers League of Minnesota*, a Minnesota-based taxpayer advocacy organization, releases a legislative scorecard for the Minnesota House of Representatives and Minnesota State Senate once a year. The scorecard gives each legislator a score based on how they voted in the prior legislative term on tax issues and "their efforts to balance the state budget without a tax increase." The organization also compiles a legislator's individual "Lifetime Score."[5]

2012

Vandeveer received a score of 86 percent in the 2012 scorecard, ranking 6th out of all 67 Minnesota State Senate members.[6]

2011

Vandeveer received a score of 85 percent in the 2011 scorecard, ranking 3rd out of all 67 Minnesota State Senate members.[7]

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Personal

Note: Please contact us if the personal information below requires an update.

Don is married to Lessa Betzold. They have one child and reside in Fridley, Minnesota.

Email editor@ballotpedia.org to notify us of updates to this biography.

External links

- Ray Vandeveer's official Minnesota State Senate website
- Biography from Project Vote Smart
- Legislative Profile from Project Vote Smart
- Campaign Contributions: 2010, 2008, 2006, 2004, 2002, 2000, 1998, 1996

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- Minnesota Public Radio votetracker profile
- Ray Vandeveer on Facebook

Footnotes

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Political offices		
Preceded by -	**Minnesota State Senate District 52** 2007–present	Succeeded by **James Metzen (DFL)**

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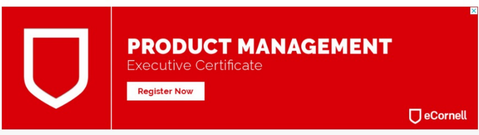

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