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## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 4

Incumbent: Sen. R. Brad von Gillern

**CINDY MAXWELL-OSTDIEK**, Omaha, *Nonpartisan*, 58Friends of Cindy Maxwell-Ostdiek | 16626 Harney St., Omaha, NE 68118 | [cindy@cindyfornebraska.com](mailto:cindy@cindyfornebraska.com) | [www.cindyfornebraska.com](http://www.cindyfornebraska.com)**Personal:** grew up in Iowa; lived in Omaha for over 30 years; husband Fred**Work:** owns business offering financial and insurance services for banks and credit unions.**Service:** president, Rank the Vote Nebraska; advisory board, Nonpartisan Nebraska; has volunteered as a Nonpartisan Election Observer through Civic Nebraska.**Politics:** ran for Legislative District 4 in 2022, lost to R. Brad von Gillern, 4106 to 4564**R. BRAD VON GILLERN (I)**, Elkhorn, *Republican*, 65Von Gillern for Nebraska, 18370 Honeysuckle Dr., Elkhorn, NE 68022 | [jandrewhoulihan@cox.net](mailto:jandrewhoulihan@cox.net) | [www.vongillern4ne.com](http://www.vongillern4ne.com)**Personal:** wife Mary, retired from residential real estate; member, Lifegate Church; active in Salvation Army and Boy Scouts**Education:** Burke High School (1978); BS, construction management engineering, UNL**Work:** began working for Lueder Construction in 1991, acquired majority ownership in 2006; served as president/CEO until 2021 when he sold his remaining interest; currently serves as Director of Business Dev.**Legislature:** Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee; chair, Revenue Committee; ran for Legislative District 4 in 2022, defeated Cindy Maxwell-Ostdiek, 4564 to 4106

**PATRICK LEAHY**, Omaha, *Nonpartisan*, 42Leahy for Nebraska | 12811 Izard St., Omaha, NE 68154 | [patrick@leahyfornebraska.com](mailto:patrick@leahyfornebraska.com) | [www.leahyfornebraska.com](http://www.leahyfornebraska.com)**Personal:** wife Emily; three kids**Education:** BS, political science, UNO (2005); MA, international relations, Creighton University (2017)**Work:** CEO of First Star Recycling; Army Reserve major; field representative, U.S. Senator Ben Nelson (2007–2012)**Politics:** director, Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District (2013–2019)**NATE OSTDIEK**, Omaha, *Democrat*, 22Nate Ostdiek for Nebraska Legislature | 9380 Western Ave., Apt. 108, Omaha, NE 68114 | [natefornebraska@outlook.com](mailto:natefornebraska@outlook.com) | [www.natefornebraska.com](http://www.natefornebraska.com)**Education:** Westside High School; BS, political science, UNO (2025)**Work:** graduate student, history and government master's program, UNO**Service:** Conservation Nebraska; Planned Parenthood; and the National Strategic Research Institute**Politics:** supported and collected signatures for ballot initiative to protect abortion access and ballot referendum to repeal state-funded private school scholarship program

## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 8

No incumbent: Sen. Megan Hunt is term-limited

**TERRY BREWER**, Omaha, *Nonpartisan*, 64Terry Brewer for Legislature Inc. | 1234 Military Ave., Omaha, NE 68104 | [brewerfornebraska@gmail.com](mailto:brewerfornebraska@gmail.com) | [www.terrybrewerfornebraska.com](http://www.terrybrewerfornebraska.com)**Education:** PhD, public administration**Work:** pastor, New Covenant Church of God in Christ; former U.S. Marine; chief union steward**Politics:** ran for mayor of Omaha in 2025 primary**ERIN FEICHTINGER**, Omaha, *Democrat*, 37Erin for Nebraska | 2719 N. 49th Ave., Omaha, NE 68104 | [erin@erinfornebraska.com](mailto:erin@erinfornebraska.com) | [www.erinfornebraska.com](http://www.erinfornebraska.com)**Personal:** husband, Matthew Cavanaugh, brother of Senators Machaela and John Cavanaugh**Education:** Marian High School (2006); BA, special education; PhD, history, Loyola University Chicago**Work:** policy director/registered lobbyist, Women's Fund of Omaha**Politics:** board of governors, Metropolitan Community College (2019–2023)**JOSH LIVINGSTON**, Omaha, *Democrat*, 39Livingston for Nebraska | 5119 Chicago St., Omaha, NE 68132 | [info@livingstonfornebraska.com](mailto:info@livingstonfornebraska.com) | [www.livingstonfornebraska.com](http://www.livingstonfornebraska.com)**Personal:** wife Dana**Education:** JD, Creighton University School of Law (2016)**Work:** associate attorney (family law), Koenig | Dunne; deputy county attorney, Sarpy County (2018–2024)**Politics:** represented group of physicians at the Nebraska Supreme Court to ensure 2024 initiative to expand abortion access would appear on ballot

**CINDY JOHNSON**, Omaha, *Nonpartisan*, 61Cindy Johnson For Nebraska | PO Box 541114, Omaha NE 68154 | [cindy@cindyjohnsonforne.com](mailto:cindy@cindyjohnsonforne.com) | [www.cindyjohnsonforne.com](http://www.cindyjohnsonforne.com)**Personal:** husband Marshall**Education:** BS, education, UNL; PhD, audiology, University of Kansas (1991)**Work:** audiologist; teacher, hearing science, UNO; former private audiology practice in Norfolk, NE; formerly audiologist at Children's Hospital**Service:** president, Nebraska Speech Language and Hearing Association**Politics:** secretary, Douglas/Sarpy County Learning Community Coordinating Council**Endorsements:** Sen. Wendy DeBoer**REBECCA RENS**, Bennington, *Republican*, 60Rebecca for Nebraska | 15179 Whitmore Cir., Bennington, NE 68007 | [rebecca@rebeccafornebraska.com](mailto:rebecca@rebeccafornebraska.com) | [www.rebeccaforne.com](http://www.rebeccaforne.com)**Personal:** originally from Iowa; husband Robert**Education:** BA, business, Dordt University (1987); MA, business, University of Sioux Falls (2016) DBA, business, Liberty University (2022)**Work:** founder, Sown Business Strategies; president, Rens Concrete, Inc. (1991–2021)**Service:** board of counselors, UNMC (2025– )**Endorsements:** recruited by Sen. Kathleen Kauth

## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 12

Incumbent: Sen. Merv Riepe

**THOMAS KASTRUP**, Omaha, *Democrat*, 61Kastrup for Nebraska | PO Box 45176, Omaha NE 68145 | [tk@kastrupforne.com](mailto:tk@kastrupforne.com) | [www.kastrupforne.com](http://www.kastrupforne.com)**Personal:** originally from Hartington, NE; wife Stephanie, educational administrator**Education:** BA, journalism, UNL**Work:** senior vice president, Better Business Bureau (2022– ); chief revenue officer, BH Media Group (2013–2018); vice president of digital sales, World Media Enterprises (2012–2013); various advertising roles, *Omaha World-Herald* (1999–2012)**CHRISTY KNORR**, Omaha, *Democrat*, 55Neighbors for Christy Knorr | PO Box 540331 Omaha, NE 68154 | [info@christyknorr4ne.com](mailto:info@christyknorr4ne.com) | [www.christyknorr4ne.com](http://www.christyknorr4ne.com)**Personal:** wife Jaci, died of cancer in 2020**Work:** hospice nurse**Service:** executive committee, Nebraska Coalition for GLBT Civil Rights (c. 2001)**Politics:** has testified before the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission**MERV RIEPE (I)**, Ralston, *Republican*, 83Riepe for Nebraska | 6232 S. 79th Circle, Ralston, NE 68127 | [www.voteriepe.com](http://www.voteriepe.com)**Personal:** wife Jody Gillispie**Education:** BS, finance, UNO (1970); MA, health policy and management, University of Iowa**Work:** Former COO and CEO at Bergan Mercy Medical Center; formerly managed a physician's group at Children's Hospital & Medical Center; Navy veteran**Legislature:** Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee; Health and Human Services Committee; previously represented Legislative District 12 from 2015 to 2019; former chair of Health and Human Services Committee

**BILL BOWES**, La Vista, *Republican*, 67

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**Personal:** wife Julie

**Work:** former fire chief, Papillion-La Vista Fire Department; former firefighter, instructor, paramedic, captain, and battalion chief, Omaha Fire Department

**Service:** vice president, Papillion-La Vista Optimists Club; facilitator for GriefShare; board member, Bellewood Courts Senior Living; board member, Tribe Church

**JAY JACKSON**, Papillion, *Republican*, 43

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**Personal:** wife Nichole

**Education:** BA, Hanover College; JD, George Mason University; LLM, George Washington University Law School

**Work:** public finance attorney/partner, Kutak Rock; colonel, U.S. Air Force Reserves; served six tours, Middle East, U.S. Air Force

**Endorsements:** U.S. Rep. Don Bacon; Sen. Tom Brewer; Sen. Theresa Thibodeau; Mayor Doug Kindig (La Vista)

**SUANN WITT**, Papillion, *Democrat*, 72

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**Personal:** husband Robert, volunteer firefighter/paramedic

**Work:** former State E-rate Coordinator and Rule 89 Program, Nebraska Department of Education; managerial/support roles, Omaha Public Schools

**Politics:** board member, Papillion La Vista School Board (2018- ), president, Papillion La Vista School Board (2025- )

**CINDY CHATT**, Tekamah, *Democrat*, 47

No contact



**Education:** BA, marketing, St. Louis University; MA, survey research & methodology, UNL

**Work:** executive director, Burt County Economic Development Corporation; owner, Chatterbox Brews (Tekamah)

**TED JAPP**, Blair, *Republican*, 69

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**Personal:** wife Lori

**Education:** Bennington High School; Peru State College; UNK; Doctor of Chiropractic, Northwestern Health Sciences

**Work:**

**Politics:** former board member, Papio-Missouri River NRD (2017-2025)

**Endorsements:** U.S. Rep. Adrian Smith; Sen. Ben Hansen; Sen. Mike Mines; Sen. Lydia Brasch

**JESS GOLDONI**, Omaha, *Democrat*, 42Jess Goldoni for Legislature | 6012 N. 102nd St., #641501, Omaha, NE 68164 | [jess@jessgoldoni.com](mailto:jess@jessgoldoni.com) | [www.jessgoldoni.com](http://www.jessgoldoni.com)**Personal:** husband Brett, city equipment manager**Education:** BS, journalism, UNO**Work:** cofounder, Nebraska.AI, a “consulting and education firm helping companies modernize workflows, speed up teams, and stay ahead as the Midwest shifts into the AI era;” former marketer, Hauptman, O’Brien, Wolf & Lathrop**TAYLOR ROYAL**, Bennington, *Republican*, 35Taylor Royal for Legislature | 16427 Potter St., Bennington, NE 68007 | [taylor@royalforlegislature.com](mailto:taylor@royalforlegislature.com) | [www.royalforlegislature.com](http://www.royalforlegislature.com)**Personal:** wife Katie**Education:** BS, business administration, UNL; MS, accounting, tax concentration, Southern Methodist University**Work:** CPA/partner, Royal Wealth Partners, a “boutique wealth management firm” within Northwestern Mutual**Politics:** ran in the 2018 Republican primary for Nebraska State Treasurer, lost to John Murante 63, 844 to 82,667**DEREK SCHWARTZ**, Bennington, *Republican*, 39Schwartz for Nebraska | 3606 N. 156th, Ste. 101, Box 213, Omaha, NE 68116 | [schwartzfornebraska@gmail.com](mailto:schwartzfornebraska@gmail.com) | [www.schwartzfornebraska.com](http://www.schwartzfornebraska.com)**Personal:** originally from Stanton, NE; wife Jacque**Education:** Stanton High School (2005); Buena Vista University; UNL**Work:** police officer, La Vista Police Department; former event planner

## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 20

## Incumbent: Sen. John Fredrickson

**CHRIS ANDERSON**, Omaha, *Republican*Anderson for Nebraska | 8915 William St., Omaha, NE 68124 | [andersonfornebraska@gmail.com](mailto:andersonfornebraska@gmail.com) | [www.andersonforne.com](http://www.andersonforne.com)**Education:** BS, economics, Indiana University; MBA, Indiana University; graduate of the United States Air Force Weapons School**Work:** retired colonel, U.S. Air Force; consultant for aerospace organizations; spent over 15 years in marketing roles at Rockwell Collins, BAE Systems, and Saab, Inc.**Service:** Defense Industry Business Council, Omaha Chamber of Commerce; National Philanthropy Council, Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation**JOHN FREDRICKSON (I)**, Omaha, *Democrat*, 39Friends for John Fredrickson | 8330 Loveland Drive, Omaha, NE 68124 | [amaych4@gmail.com](mailto:amaych4@gmail.com) | [www.johnfornebraska.com](http://www.johnfornebraska.com)**Personal:** husband Jeff Formanek**Education:** Skutt Catholic High School; BS, social work, New York University; Masters, Columbia University**Work:** clinical social worker**Legislature:** vice chair, Health and Human Services Committee; Transportation and Telecommunications Committee

DAN WITT, Omaha, party affiliation unknown, age unknown

No contact



## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 22

No incumbent: Sen. Mike Moser is term-limited

DAWSON BRUNSWICK, Columbus, Republican, 28

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**Personal:** originally from McCook; wife Taylor

**Education:** bachelors, business administration, Chadron State College

**Work:** president, Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce; former president, McCook Chamber of Commerce

**Politics:** non-voting student member, McCook Public Schools Board

**Endorsements:** Gov. Jim Pillen; Sen. Mike Moser

## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 24

Incumbent: Sen. Jana Hughes

JANA HUGHES (I), Seward, Republican, 54

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**Personal:** originally from Goehner; husband John

**Education:** BS, industrial engineering, Texas A&M

**Work:** former engineer, Kurt Salmon Associates and Hughes Brothers Manufacturing; fitness instructor

**Politics:** former vice president, Seward Public School Board

**Service:** Holy Savior Lutheran Church; Seward Jr. Women's Club (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer); board, Seward Heartfelt Inc.; Seward County Republicans; Seward Changing the Game

**Committee:** Seward Rotary Club; Meals on Wheels.

**Legislature:** vice chair, Education Committee; Natural Resources Committee

DAN WINTER, Bradshaw, Nonpartisan, 48?

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**Personal:**

**GEORGE DUNGAN (I)**, Lincoln, *Democrat*, 37

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**Personal:** wife Britta Tollefsrud

**Education:** BA, general studies, University of Kansas (2010); JD, American University (2013)

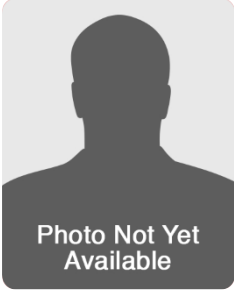
**Work:** attorney, Dungan Law LLC; former Lancaster County Deputy Public Defender

**Service:** Lincoln Bar Association (2020–2023); Lincoln Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee (2021–2023); Teammates Mentoring Program (2013–2018)

**Legislature:** Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee; Revenue Committee

**TOBIAS HOWARD**, Lincoln, *Republican*, age unknown

No contact



**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 28**

*No incumbent: Sen. Jane Raybould not seeking reelection*

**CHAD KULIG**, Lincoln, *Democrat*, 42

No contact



**Personal:** originally from New York

**Education:** Frewsburg Central High School (2002); BA, philosophy, Allegheny College (2006)

**Work:** general manager, Alldogs Offroad Coop; former marketer/digital strategist/product manager, Speedway Motors, Inc.

**PATTY PANSING BROOKS**, Lincoln, *Democrat*, 67

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**Personal:** husband Loel Brooks

**Education:** Lincoln Southeast High School (1976); BA, political science, Colorado College (1980); JD, University of Nebraska College of Law (1984)

**Work:** attorney, Brooks, Pansing Brooks, PC, LLO

**Legislature:** previously represented Legislative District 28 from 2015 to 2023

**COLBY L. WOODSON**, Lincoln, *Nonpartisan*, 39

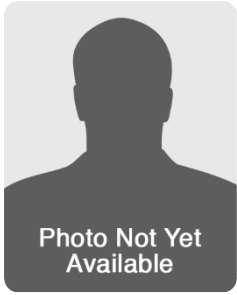
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**Education:** Lincoln High School (2005); BA, journalism, UNL (2022); Master of Community and Regional Planning, UNL (2025)

TIMOTHY GARY BENTZINGER, Hickman, Democrat, 32

No contact



JANET BOCK, Beatrice, Democrat, 69

No contact



**Education:** Barneston High School; MSN, psychiatric/mental health nursing, UNMC (2005)  
**Work:** owner, Reflections Behavioral Health, LLC; psychiatric nurse practitioner, Nova Health  
**Politics:** vice president, Tri County Schools Board (elected in 2014)

CALLY IDEUS, Filley, Republican, 52

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**Personal:** husband Jerod, sergeant Nebraska National Guard  
**Education:** Lincoln Northeast High School (1992); BS, international security/intelligence studies, Bellevue University (2015); MEd, education curriculum, Concordia University (2016)  
**Work:** founder/president, Ideus Agency and Strategy Consulting; vice president, Region IV, Nebraska Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals; former plans and operations assistant, Nebraska National Guard

MARK SCHOENROCK, Diller, Republican, 69

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**Personal:** wife Denise  
**Education:** Fairbury High School (1974); BS, agriculture, UNL (1978)  
**Work:** former officer, U.S. Army; former Army civilian  
**Service:** vice president, Blue Valley Community Action  
**Politics:** Jefferson County Commissioner (2016- ); 2023 Nebraska County Official of the year

SHAYLENE SMITH, Crete, Nonpartisan, 56

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**Personal:** originally from Paxton; husband Michael  
**Education:** BS, political science, Doane University (1991); JD, University of Nebraska College of Law (1994); MA, political science, UNL (1995)  
**Work:** attorney/partner, Kalkwarf & Smith Law Offices; executive director, Blue River Arts Council  
**Service:** "wrote Crete's economic development plan," according to the *Lincoln Journal Star* (4 Sept. 2025)

**BEN BLODGETT**, Central City, Democrat, 50

No contact



**Education:** Central City High School (1993)

**Work:** formerly worked at the State Theater in Central City, which the Blodgett family owned from 1966 to 2015

**ARRON KOWALSKI**, Grand Island, Republican, 32

No contact



**Education:** Northwest High School (2012); BS, agribusiness, UNK (2017)

**Work:** farmer

**Politics:** ran for Nebraska Congressional District 3 in 2018 and 2020; ran for U.S. Senate, against U.S. Senator Deb Fischer, in 2024

**LOREN LIPPINCOTT (I)**, Central City, Republican, 71

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**Education:** Central City Public Schools (1973); BS, broadcast journalism, UNL (1978)

**Work:** farmer; former Radio Disc Jockey for KBHL-FM; former Newscaster KOLN-TV; former U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighter Pilot; former U.S. Air Force Fighter Pilot Instructor; former International Captain Delta Air Lines

**Service:** member, Nebraska Farm Bureau; member, National Rifle Association

**Legislature:** Appropriations Committee; chair, Rules Committee

**RICK HOLDCROFT (I)**, Bellevue, Republican, 72

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**Personal:** wife Mary Jo Heinen

**Education:** Key West High School (1972); BS, electrical engineering, UNL (1976); Naval Postgraduate School (1982)

**Work:** Retired U.S. naval officer and aerospace executive

**Service:** Knights of Columbus (Grand Knight Council, 2006-08); Bellevue Rotary Club (president, 2010-11); Nebraska Navy League; Air Force Association; USS Omaha Commissioning Committee.

**Legislature:** Agriculture Committee; chair, General Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee

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**Personal:** originally from South Dakota; wife Elizabeth

**Education:** BS, microbiology, South Dakota State University (1992)

**Work:** Merck Animal Health

**Service:** Habitat for Humanity; Eagle Scouts

**TIM ANDERSON**, Sutton, *Republican*, 43Tim Anderson for Legislature | 1018 N. Horseshoe Ave., Sutton, NE 68979 | [tim@votetimanderson.com](mailto:tim@votetimanderson.com) | [www.votetimanderson.com](http://www.votetimanderson.com)**Personal:** wife Lindsay**Education:** Clay Center High School (2001)**Service:** former volunteer firefighter**Politics:** mayor of Sutton**Endorsements:** Sen. Mark Christensen; Public Service Commissioner Eric Kamler**JANELL ANDERSON EHRKE**, Orleans, *Republican*, 63Anderson Ehrke for Legislature | PO Box 512, Orleans, NE 68966 | [janel@grownebraska.org](mailto:janel@grownebraska.org) | [www.janellandersonehrkeforlegislature.com](http://www.janellandersonehrkeforlegislature.com)**Personal:** husband Leon, farmer**Education:** BS, psychology, UNL (1987)**Work:** founder/CEO, Grow Nebraska**Service:** former member, Furnas County Economic Development Committee; former member Nebraska Cooperative Development Center**JON CAPPS**, Blue Hill, *Republican*, 71Capps for Nebraska | 515 N. Willson St., Blue Hill, NE 68930 | [jon@joncapps.com](mailto:jon@joncapps.com) | [www.joncapps.com](http://www.joncapps.com)**Personal:** wife Lori**Education:** BS, computer science, University of Texas at Dallas (2001)**Work:** U.S. Army veteran; former CTO and IT systems architect leading projects for Microsoft, IBM, ExxonMobil, and Texas Instruments.

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TO RECENT DEATH OF WIFE***

**MELANIE KNIGHT**, Clay Center, *Democrat*, 56?Melanie Knight for Nebraska Legislature 2026 | PO Box 2, Clay Center, NE 68933 | [knight4neleg38@gmail.com](mailto:knight4neleg38@gmail.com) | [www.knightforlegislature.com](http://www.knightforlegislature.com)**Personal:** husband John**Education:** Clay Center High School (1988); elementary education, UNO**Work:** homemaker**Service:** mentor, TeamMates**WES WILMOT**, Beaver City, *Republican*, 65Wes Wilmot for Legislature | 42496 Hwy 89, Beaver City, NE 68926 | [weswilmot38@gmail.com](mailto:weswilmot38@gmail.com) | [www.weswilmot.com](http://www.weswilmot.com)**Personal:** wife Kathy, regent, University of Nebraska**Education:** Wilsonville High School (1978)**Work:** farmer**Service:** EMT, Beaver City EMS**Politics:** vice chair, Furnas County Republican Party; former board member, ESU II (elected 2006)

**BARRY DEKAY (I)**, Niobrara, *Republican*, 66

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**Personal:** wife Brenda

**Education:** Lynch High School (1977); attended Wayne State College

**Work:** farmer/rancher; high school basketball referee

**Service:** board, Niobrara Valley Hospital Foundation (2005– ); former member/chair, Nebraska Public Power District/NPPD Nuclear Committee

**Legislature:** chair, Agriculture Committee; General Affairs Committee; vice chair, Natural Resources Committee

## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 41

No incumbent: Sen. Fred Meyer not seeking election

**JEREMY HENEGER**, Cairo, *Democrat*, age unknown

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**JOE JOHNSON**, Kearney, *Republican*, 47

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**Personal:** wife Tara

**Education:** BS, political science, UNK (2002); MPA, local government emphasis, UNO (2006)

**Work:** vice president of business development, Olsson; city administrator, Nebraska City (2011–2015); assistant city administrator, South Sioux City (2009–2011); city administrator, David City (2006–2009)

**Endorsements:** Gov. Jim Pillen; Sen. Fred Meyer; Sen. Stan Clouse; Sen. Tom Briese; U.S. Rep. Mike Flood

**JACOB W. SIKES**, Riverdale, *Republican*, 49

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**Personal:** wife Emily

**Education:** Kearney High School (1995); studied music

**Work:** certified orthotist (spine specialist); former CNA

**Service:** Leadership Kearney (2025); legislative committee, State Board of Health (2025– )

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No contact

**Personal:****Education:** Thedford High School (2017); BFA/BS, film and media production/environmental studies, Doane University (2020)**Work:** staff, Upper Loup NRD

## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 44

Incumbent: Sen. Teresa Ibach

**TERESA IBACH (I)**, Kearney, *Republican*Teresa Ibach for Legislature | 44670 Rd. 767, PO Box 131, Sumner, NE 68878 | [donnmartha@gmail.com](mailto:donnmartha@gmail.com) | [www.teresaibach.com](http://www.teresaibach.com)**Personal:** husband Greg Ibach, former U.S. Under Secretary of Agriculture**Education:** Sumner-Eddyville-Miller High School (1980); BS, human resources and family sciences, UNL (1984)**Work:** farmer/rancher**Service:** board, NEBRASKALand Foundation; board, Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation; board, Nebraska FFA Foundation; trustee, University of Nebraska Foundation; volunteer and teacher, Junior Achievement**Legislature:** vice chair, Agriculture Committee; Business and Labor Committee; Revenue Committee; Executive Board

## LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 46

Incumbent: Sen. Daniel Conrad

**DANIEL CONRAD (I)**, Lincoln, *Democrat*, 48Conrad for Legislature | 3818 Dudley St., Lincoln, NE 68503 | [katedub711@gmail.com](mailto:katedub711@gmail.com) | [www.conradforlegislature.com](http://www.conradforlegislature.com)**Personal:** husband Thomas, owns Heartland Optical**Education:** Seward High School (1995); BA, political science, UNL (2000); JD, University of Nebraska College of Law (2003)**Work:** attorney; former executive director, Nebraska ACLU; former staff attorney, Nebraska Appleseed**Service:** former board member, Legal Aid of Nebraska; former board member, Nebraska Lawyers Trust Account Foundation; former board member, Research Nebraska**Legislature:** Education Committee; Natural Resources Committee; Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee; previously represented Legislative District 46 from 2007 to 2015

**BRIAN HARDIN (I)**, Gering, *Republican*, 60

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**Personal:** wife Lili

**Education:** Gering High School (1984); BA, Chadron State College (1988); MDiv, Denver Seminary (1992)

**Work:** Formerly worked as a police and prison chaplain and as a minister in PA. Now owns Safety Wing, a consulting firm that does strategic planning, training insurance brokers and advising state and local officials about changes caused by the Affordable Care Act and providing insurance products for the “digital nomad” sector.

**Legislature:** Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee; chair, Health and Human Services Committee; Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee

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**JESSICA M. LANDERS**, Scottsbluff, *Republican*, 37

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**Personal:** husband Samuel, running for Legislative District 48

**Education:** BS, criminal justice, UNK (2007); JD, University of Nebraska College of Law (2015)

**Work:** family law attorney; former deputy county attorney, Scotts Bluff County Attorney’s Office; former police officer, Kimball

**Politics:** ran for Scotts Bluff County Commission in 2022

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**Personal:** wife Jessice, running for Legislative District 48

**Education:** Scottsbluff High School (2008); AS, sports massage, Boulder College of Massage Therapy

**Work:** massage therapist; former combat medic, U.S. Army

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**KURT ZADINA**, Mitchell, *Republican*, 66

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**Education:** Superior High School (1978); BS, education, UNL (1982)

**Work:** technology director, Alliance Public Schools; head basketball coach, Alliance High School; former teacher Wood River High School; former teacher, Chappell High School; legislative page (1979–1980)

**Politics:** ran as delegate for the 1980 Republican National Convention; ran for ESU 6 in 1992; ran for Scotts Bluff County Clerk in 2018