

## **Kansas House of Representatives – 60<sup>th</sup> District**

**James “Mic” McGuire, Democrat**

**Occupation:** International Opera Singer (retired) and United Methodist Pastor (retired)

**Number of Years in District:** 26 years

### **What prompted you to run as a candidate for Kansas House of Representatives?**

I grew up in Emporia, and I have a commitment to serve my hometown district. I believe that my professional experiences provide a solid background to support a role as a Kansas legislator.

### **What top issue concerns you the most about the current political climate in Kansas?**

I am most concerned by the Supermajority in both the Kansas House and Senate. Domination by one party discourages needed change in order to best serve the people.

### **What are your 3 top priorities?**

1. I will work to assure access to reproductive healthcare without government interference.
2. I advocate for fair and just taxation that will support funding for public education, which leads to economic freedom.
3. I will vigorously support Medicaid Expansion in order to provide access to high quality affordable healthcare, while supporting rural hospitals and keeping some of our federal tax dollars in Kansas.

### **What do you think sets you apart from the other candidates?**

I grew up here and also have traveled the world. I have always had compassion and commitment for all races, and I have continuously exerted an effort to help the working poor and those living in poverty. My education is from Emporia Public Schools and Emporia State University, which provided a foundation for my career as a professional vocalist and later for my ministry in the United Methodist Church. Most of my ministerial life was centered in Kansas and included ministry in Emporia. My experiences as a self-employed international opera singer and as a counselor during my ministry provide me with unique experiences to understand the various needs of my constituents as a Representative in the Kansas Legislature.

### **If people would like more information, can they find you on social media, and if so, how?**

<https://www.pastormicforks.com/> (Website)

<https://www.facebook.com/MicMcGuireForKansasHouse/> (Facebook)

<https://www.facebook.com/mic.mcguire.3/> (Facebook)

<https://x.com/PastorMicForKS> (X formerly known as Twitter)

### **Anything else you would like the citizens of your district to know about you?**

Pam and I could have retired anywhere, but we chose my hometown, Emporia.  
I look forward to visiting with as many Emporia residents as possible and will gladly accept an invitation to speak with any group.