

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

**Name:** Mark Schreiber

**Occupation:** Retired, but have served as the 60<sup>th</sup> District Representative for the past 8 years

**Number of Years in District:** Approximately 38 years

**What prompted you to run as a candidate for Kansas House of Representatives?** When I ran for this House seat in 2016, my highest priority was to constitutionally fund K-12 education and end over a decade of school funding lawsuits. We accomplished that in 2017, and the Kansas Supreme Court affirmed the funding formula was constitutional. As noted below, education remains a top priority for me.

**What top issue concerns you the most about the current political climate in Kansas?** Although not as bad as at the federal level, I am seeing an increasing amount of partisanship between the two major parties. Of course, this gets amplified and distributed quickly through social media. I believe a diverse legislature with an acceptance that good ideas can come from any part of the political spectrum serves our state the best.

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

1. Education - We need additional dollars targeted to special education and a new funding formula developed when the present one expires in about 3 years. At ESU and FHTC, we need to find sustainable funding for these institutions as they educate our future workforce which will need a variety of skills and knowledge. I supported the new Blueprint for Literacy, which is a collaborative effort between the Kansas Board of Regents and the State Board of Education to increase reading scores in K-12 schools.
2. Budget and Taxes – Responsibly funding state services and balancing the budget are essential to protecting taxpayers' dollars. Recently, I supported over \$1 billion in tax relief for Kansans, while still retaining strong reserves.
3. Energy – Future economic development will require reliable energy services. I supported a bill that provided a reduction in the transmission delivery charge on utility bills and required public utilities to evaluate their regional rate competitiveness, and its impact on the state's economic development efforts.

**What do you think sets you apart from the other candidates?** My experience in the Statehouse both as a lobbyist and as a legislator has provided me a broad perspective of how public policy is created and passed. My community involvement has been and will continue to be strong. My parents instilled in my sisters and me the need to give back to our community, whether financially and/or by volunteering. Giving back is the best way to keep in touch with community needs and successes. I have served on the Emporia/Lyon County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, as well as serving as the United Way

Drive Chair and the board chair of both SOS, Inc. and the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence.

**If people would like more information, can they find you on social media, and if so, how?** Facebook page is Mark Schreiber for Kansas House. If you have a comment or concern, you can e-mail me at [markschreiber60@gmail.com](mailto:markschreiber60@gmail.com).

**Anything else you would like the citizens of your district to know about you?** I appreciate the Chamber and the League for offering a way to educate voters about the candidates. I would be honored to be re-elected as the 60<sup>th</sup> District Representative in the Kansas House. It has been a privilege to serve the area for the last 8 years. Thank you!