

TOM HAWK

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Hawk seeks third term in the Kansas Senate



TOPEKA – Today, Senator Tom Hawk, of Manhattan, filed with the Kansas Secretary of State’s Office for re-election to the Senate’s 22nd District, which includes Riley and Clay counties along with a portion of Geary County.

“As the world faces a serious public health crisis and with the challenges Kansans are likely to face in the coming days, months, and even years, I decided that there was no better day than today to file for re-election and stay engaged to keep supporting a stable and responsive state government,” Hawk said.

Senator Hawk serves as the ranking minority member of the Senate Committee on Ways & Means where he has played an integral role in funding the shared priorities of Kansans. The final budget included \$50 million for coronavirus relief as well as additional funding for nursing homes and hospitals.

“I have been involved in the negotiations process for the budget committee and worked hard to ensure the needs of all Kansans are met, especially during this time of crisis,” Hawk said.

In addition, Senator Hawk has served on the Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force and helped get the new flexible and responsible transportation program passed.

“I’m very proud of the bipartisan work that went into the new transportation program that passed the Legislature today,” Hawk said. “We will now have a program that provides more resources to communities, addresses infrastructure problems in both rural and urban Kansas, and creates good-paying jobs.”

Senator Hawk spent 33 years in the Manhattan-Ogden school district. He began his career as a junior high math teacher before becoming a curriculum director, and ending as superintendent. Hawk was first elected to the Kansas Senate in 2012, and previously served three terms in the Kansas House of Representatives.

“Although Kansas was on a path of stability after years of devastating policies, there’s no doubt this crisis will present a new set of challenges that we have to overcome,” Hawk said. “Kansans deserve leaders who are committed to being a strong voice for common sense policies for the safety and well-being of its hardworking families.”

Hawk is married to Diane DeNoon, a retired KSU instructor for Elementary Education. Together they have four adult children and four grandchildren.

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