



THE OHIO SENATE

Ohio Senate Screening Committee Recommends State Representative Tim Schaffer for 20th District Seat

COLUMBUS – Ohio Senate President [Larry Obhof](#) (R-Medina) today announced the recommendation of State Representative [Tim Schaffer](#) to fill the vacancy in Ohio's 20th State Senate District seat, which includes Fairfield, Guernsey, Hocking, Morgan and Muskingum counties and parts of Athens and Pickaway counties. The vacancy was created last month when former State Senator Brian Hill resigned for a job in the private sector.

Schaffer was selected from nearly a dozen applicants for the open seat.

"We met with some outstanding candidates to represent the 20th Senate District, and I appreciate their interest and willingness to serve," said Obhof. "As a former member of the Senate, Tim understands the issues facing Ohio, and we look forward to welcoming him back."

"I am honored to be asked to serve the people of the 20th Ohio Senate District and its seven counties," said Schaffer. "I've enjoyed meeting numerous citizens across the district and am eager to roll my sleeves up and get to work."

Schaffer will join the Senate from the Ohio House of Representatives, where he currently represents Fairfield county in the 77th House District. He previously served in the Ohio Senate from 2007-2014.

A veteran legislator, Schaffer currently chairs the Ways and Means Committee in the House of Representatives. Previously he has chaired the Public Utilities Committee, Commerce and Labor Committee, and he was Ohio's first legislative chairman of the Homeland Security, Engineering and Architecture Committee after the terrorist attacks on America in 2001. While in the Ohio Senate, he chaired the Ways and Means and Economic Development Committee and the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. He has also served as chair of the Ohio Department of Natural Resource's Mine and Reclamation Commission.

In addition to his legislative duties, Schaffer has served two terms on the Ohio Society of Association Executives board of directors and on the board of the Fairfield Center for Disabilities and Cerebral Palsy, where he served as treasurer and president.

Schaffer is a graduate of Lancaster High School. He attended Ohio University-Lancaster and Mount Union College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Political Communications. He and his wife, Lori, reside in Lancaster.

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