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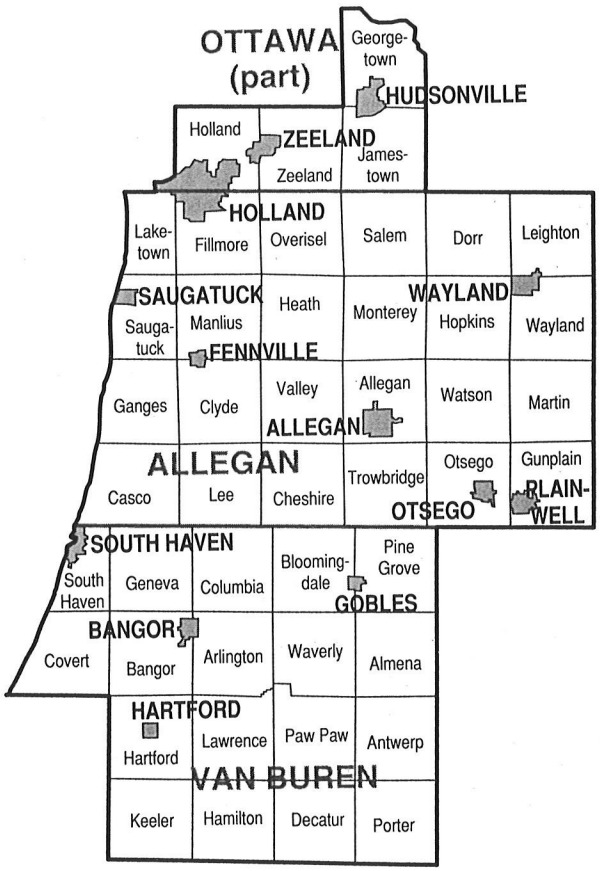
Biography: Republican, of Jenison; born January 29, 1939, at Jamestown; Calvin College; married; four children; former analyst, Dun and Bradstreet; businessman; Ottawa County commissioner; authored laws to protect abused children, protect the environment, reduce crime, encourage recycling, increase government accountability, reduce drunk driving, strengthen conservation enforcement, and protect the natural resources; author of The Crime Victim's Rights Act, now used as a national model; sponsored amendments to the Michigan Constitution (art. I, sec. 20 and art. I, sec. 24); work has been the subject of a Pepperdine University Law Review article; recipient, three national awards; named "Legislator of the Year" eight times, most recently in 1996; elected to the House of Representatives, November 1982; Republican Caucus Chair, 1984-1990; elected to the State Senate, 1990 and 1994; Assistant Senate Majority Floor Leader.