



ROBERT BENDER

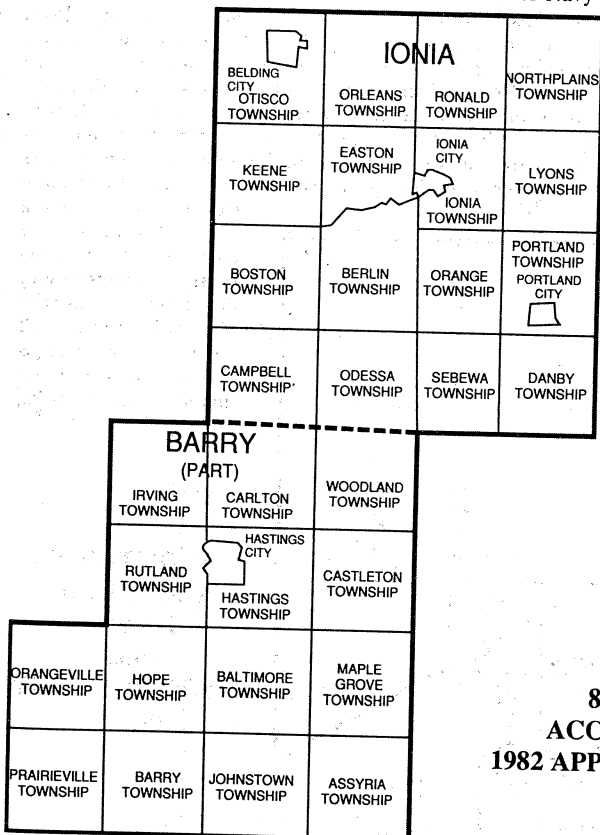
88th Representative District



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Committees: Appropriations

Biography: Republican, of Middleville; born September 28, 1936, at Grand Rapids; B.S., agriculture education, Michigan State University; married Carol Cox, 1959; 3 children: first elected to Barry County Board of Commissioners, 1976, after serving two years as chairman of the county planning commission; reelected to board of commissioners 1978, serving as both vice chairman and chairman; instrumental in forming Joint City/County airport commission, serving as first Secretary/Treasurer; entered U. S. Navy 1959, completed flight school, and spent five years on active duty as a pilot; maintaining his affiliation with the Navy, he remains active in reserves, where he continued flying until 1981 and was commanding officer of the 450-member Navy aviation squadron at Selfridge Air Base, near Detroit; currently assigned to Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic at NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium; served as youth counselor, administrative board chairman, and finance chairman, Middleville United Methodist Church; first elected to House of Representatives in 1982.



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1982 APPORTIONMENT PLAN**