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### **Personal Background and Professional Summary**

Sen. Stephanie Hansen represents the 10th Senate District, which includes portions of Glasgow, Middletown, Odessa and other communities along the western side of Southern New Castle County in Delaware.

She grew up downstate and graduated from Seaford Senior High School in 1979 before earning a bachelor's degree in geology from the University of Delaware (1984) and a master's degree in earth science from the University of New Orleans (1986). Hansen began her professional career as an environmental scientist, and later a hydrologist, at the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control where she oversaw the investigation and cleanup of environmentally contaminated properties (1988-1996).

Hansen entered public service as the founder and first president of the Frenchtown Woods Civic Association and then the multi-community Bear Glasgow Council of Civic Organizations in 1991. She was elected county-wide to serve as the President of New Castle County Council from 1996 to 2001. While on County Council, she was part of the team that rewrote the County's land use code and provided specific assistance with its environmental provisions. During that time, she attended Widener University School of Law (now called the Delaware Law School) and graduated cum laude in 2000. She went on to practice environmental law for nearly 20 years before retiring in 2020 to be a full-time legislator in the Delaware State Senate. She was first elected to the Delaware State Senate in 2017 and has continued to serve since that time. She recently won re-election in November 2024.

Sen. Hansen and her husband David live in Middletown. She has five children and stepchildren, and seven grandchildren.

## **Legislative Work**

Sen. Hansen currently serves as chair of the Senate Environment, Energy and Transportation Committee and a member of the Senate Agriculture, Education, Election & Government Affairs, and Health & Social Services committees. She also holds a seat on the budget-writing Joint Finance Committee.

Sen. Hansen has served as the prime sponsor of most of the energy-related legislation in the Delaware Senate since 2000, including legislation to increase the state's renewable energy portfolio, expand the community solar program, expanding the accessibility of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, increase oversight of utilities by the Public Service Commission, a number of bills addressing net metering, expanding the State Energy Office, setting up an offshore wind procurement procedure, and requiring local jurisdictions to increase resiliency and address the impacts of climate change in their comprehensive plans.

While developing legislation, Sen. Hansen has specialized in the formation and leadership of large, diverse, stakeholder groups to collectively investigate broad environmental and energy issues, and craft legislation to address the issues identified. Much of the energy legislation mentioned above has been the result of her work through Energy Stakeholders Group, a group she formed in 2021 made up of government representatives, utilities, the Public Service Commission, the Public Advocate, PJM, the State Energy Office, the Sustainable Energy Utility, renewable and traditional energy representatives, environmental organizations, conservatives, and others which is still operational today.

Sen. Hansen also currently runs another large stakeholder group composed of natural resource and agriculture regulatory agencies, environmental organizations, farmers and other large landowners developing legislation to put in place the state's first nontidal wetland program.

Outside of legislative initiatives, Sen. Hansen founded and runs the HOA Leaders Forum which is a forum for information exchange and expert guidance to homeowner associations.