

Candidate: **Paul A Bauer**

Senate District:

Party Affiliation: **Republican**

House District: **20**

If elected, will you support continuing to meet the State's obligation to fund the Defined Benefit retiree pension and health benefit accounts?

Yes

Do you favor legislation enacting an optional Defined Benefit program for ALL new public employees?

Other: Not sure what an optional DB program would look like. However, I do support a DB program for all Public Safety uniformed agencies.

If you believe only certain public employees should be eligible for an optional Defined Benefit program, which classes of employees are those?

All Public Safety uniformed agencies. That is all law enforcement.

Retirees in a Defined Benefit System contribute significantly to Alaska's economy, both while employed and after retirement. If you are elected, how will you help encourage retirees to stay in Alaska?

Start with having more daylight and warmer temps :). Cost of living is a problem for everyone. I am retired. I stay here because it is Alaska and I am contributing to the future of the State. Money helps, but should not be the only incentive. It must include awarding public employees who continue to contribute to the advancement of Alaska culture.

Do you support holding a Constitutional Convention?

NO: **YES:** **No Opinion:**

If you support holding a Constitutional Convention, Why?

There is no fear that has been advertising by the opposition. There is no commitment for anything to be changed. It only happens every ten years. It allows the people to address concerns that legislators do not address. No change. By not having the convention places doubt in peoples minds about their government and you will have to fight every time. We can argue the benefit of keeping protected retirement benefits, which would never be addressed. There is only FEAR MONGERING. Check the process.

If elected, will you support resolving State budget gaps?

Yes

How do you propose solving the State budget gap? (Check all that apply)

- Further cuts to the State operating budget.**
- Limit the State capital budget.**
- Increase taxes on oil and gas companies.**
- Implement a statewide income tax.**
- Implement a statewide sales tax.**
- Implement other new taxes.**
- Changing the PDF formula.**
- No Opinion**