

Eplee files for KS Senate seat

(KNZA)--State Representative Dr. John Eplee is running for the Kansas Senate seat currently held by Dennis Pyle, which is up for election in 2024.

Eplee, an Atchison physician, has filed for the Republican nomination in Senate District 1.

Pyle changed his party affiliation in June to run for Kansas governor as an independent. He finished well behind Democrat Laura Kelly and Republican Derek Schmidt. Pyle has faced criticism from many Republicans for siphoning votes away from Schmidt, opening the door for Kelly to be re-elected.

Eplee was elected to the Kansas House of Representatives in 2016 and just won his fourth term in the House representing the 63rd District, which includes Doniphan County and a portion of Atchison County.

Pyle was elected to the Senate in 2004. Previously, he served one term in the Kansas House of Representatives.

So far, Eplee is the only candidate who has filed for Pyle's 1st District Senate seat, which is up for election in November 2024.

The First District includes Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson and Nemaha Counties, along with parts of Marshall and Pottawatomie Counties.

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