



James Blanchard

Party: Democratic • **Chamber:** House
State: MI • **District:** 18

Biography

A Representative from Michigan. Born in Detroit, Wayne County, Mich. , August 8, 1942. Attended the public schools of Ferndale, Mich. B. A. , Michigan State University, East Lansing, 1964. M. B. A. , Michigan State University, 1965. J. D. , University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, 1968. Admitted to the Michigan bar in 1968 and commenced practice in Lansing. Legal advisor to Michigan Secretary of State, 1968-1969. Assistant Attorney General of Michigan, 1969-1974. Administrative assistant to the attorney general, 1970-1971. Assistant deputy attorney general, 1971-1972. Elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-fourth and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1975-January 3, 1983). Was not a candidate for reelection in 1982 but was elected Governor of Michigan. Reelected in 1986 and served from 1983-1991. Unsuccessful candidate for reelection as governor in 1990. Appointed by President Clinton as Ambassador to Canada on May 27, 1993 and served until 1996. Lawyer, private practice. Is a resident of Beverly Hills, Mich.

Legislative Activity (–)

Bills sponsored: 0

Bills cosponsored: 0