



Ruth Anna Buffalo, North Dakota State Representative, District 27

Ruth Anna Buffalo is an American politician, and the first Native American Democratic woman elected to the North Dakota Legislature. She is a Democratic member of the North Dakota House of Representatives from the 27th District, serving from December 1, 2018. Buffalo is an enrolled citizen of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation. Buffalo has a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice and three master's degrees: one in management, another in business administration, and one in public health. Her involvement in politics began when she ran for insurance commissioner of the state in 2016 but lost. In April 2017, she became party secretary of the North Dakota Democratic–Nonpartisan League and in July 2017, her major appointed her to the Fargo Native American Commission.