

**Merlin Bartz – Grafton (R)
District 6**

Term: Previously served one term in House. Currently serving fourth non-consecutive term in Senate. **Profession:** Farmer, 1983-present. Factory worker, 1983-1990. State Representative, 1991-1992. State Senator, 1993-2002. United States Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., 2002-2007. Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of Natural Resources and Environment and Central Regional Assistant Chief for Natural Resources Conservation Service. **Education:** Attended St. Ansgar Community Schools. Received B.A. (cum laude) in political science and music from Luther College, 1983. Iowa to India Rotary Cultural Exchange Team, 1990. Darden School of Business, University of Virginia Leadership Class, 1994. Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Crisis Management Program, 2005. **Memberships and Activities:** Served on the Lutheran Social Service and the BIOWA boards. Current or former member Worth County Historical Society, Pork & Cattle Producers, Farm Bureau, Farmers Union, Soybean and Corn Growers Associations, Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, and Iowa Parks Foundation. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1961 in Mason City. Resides near Grafton. **Family Members:** Wife, Lisa; one son and two daughters.



Bartz, Merlin - Grafton (R)
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BARTZ, Merlin E. - Grafton (R)
District 10

Birth: March 16, 1961, Mason City. **Parents:** Orland and Clarice Braun Bartz. **Education:** Graduated from St. Ansgar Community Schools, 1979. B.A., cum laude in music and political science, Luther College, 1983. 1994 Darden School of Business - University of Virginia Leadership Class Graduate. **Spouse:** Lisa Davis Jorgensen, 1990. **Children:** 2 daughters, Kimberly and Marena; 1 son, Will. **Profession and Activities:** Livestock/grain farmer and laborer. Former factory worker, 1983-1990. Twenty five years with various dance bands. Recipient of Guardian of Business Awards (NFIB). Member: Worth County Historical Society. Farm Bureau and Cattlemen, Worth County Central Committee and various chambers of commerce; past involvement in Worth County Pork Producers, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, NRA, and Lutheran Social Service Board of Directors. Member: Rotary International Iowa to India Cultural Exchange Team, 1990. Member and Choir Director, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Grafton. **Term:** Second.



BARTZ, Merlin E. - Grafton
District 10
Republican



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BARTZ, Merlin E. - Grafton
District 10
Republican

Birth: March 16, 1961, Mason City. **Parents:** Orland and Clarice Braun Bartz. **Education:** Graduated from St. Ansgar Community Schools, 1979. Received B.A. cum laude in music and political science, Luther College, 1983. **Spouse:** Lisa Davis Jorgensen, 1990. **Children:** 1 daughter: Kimberly; 1 son: Will. **Activities:** Livestock/grain farmer and laborer. Former factory worker, 1983 - 1990. 17 years with various dance bands. 1992 recipient of Guardian of Business Award (NFIB). Member: Worth County Historical Society; Pork Producers; Farm Bureau; Pheasants Forever; NRA; Worth County Republican Central Committee. Member and Choir Director: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Grafton. Sponsor in Ducks Unlimited. Lutheran Social Service Board of Directors. 1990 Iowa to India Cultural Exchange Team sponsored by Rotary. Past chair: Worth County Republicans. Past member: Third District Republican Platform Committee. Served one term in Iowa House. **Term:** First.



BARTZ, Merlin E. - Grafton
District 19
Republican

Birth: March 16, 1961, Mason City. **Parents:** Orland and Clarice Braun Bartz. **Education:** Graduated from St. Ansgar Community Schools, 1979. Received B.A. cum laude in music and political science, Luther College, 1983. **Spouse:** Lisa Jorgensen, 1990. **Children:** 1 stepdaughter: Kimberly. **Activities:** Livestock/grain farmer and laborer. Employed 1 year with Grafton Industries, Grafton; 5 years with David Manufacturing Company, Mason City; 15 years with various dance bands. Member: 1990 Iowa to India cultural exchange sponsored by Rotary International; Worth County Historical Society; Pork Producers; Farm Bureau; Pheasants Forever, Worth County Republican Central Committee. Member and choir director, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Grafton. Sponsor in Ducks Unlimited. Past chair, Worth County Republicans. Past member, District Platform Committee. **Term:** First.

