

# House District 34

## William A. "Bill" Thomas, Republican



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**AGE:** 65

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Haines, Alaska

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Joyce

**CHILDREN'S NAMES:** Rhett, Danny, Gabriel,  
Cole, Rhiannon

**OCCUPATION:** Fishermann

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 65 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Haines: 1947-1974  
Klukwan: 1974-1991  
Haines: 1991-present

**EDUCATION:**  
Haines High 1965  
UAA 1965

**MILITARY SERVICE:**  
U.S. Army  
Vietnam Veteran  
Good Conduct Medal  
Crew Chief Wings  
Sharpshooter Army Appreciation Award

### **POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

Member Alaska State Legislature (four terms)  
Co-Chair Finance  
Former Assemblyman Haines Borough  
Former Member:  
Haines School Board  
Alaska Board of Forestry  
Alaska Timber Task Force  
Former Director Resource Development Council

### **BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

Vice Chairman, Director, Klukwan, Inc.  
Former President, Director, North Pacific Expediting  
Vice Chairman, Director, Klukwan Construction  
Director, Former Chairman;  
K Ply  
South Coast  
Klukwan Forest Products  
West Coast Stevedoring  
Chilkat Construction  
Former Director;  
Chilkat Electrical Construction Services  
Chilkat Stevedoring  
West Coast Construction Services

### **SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**

Former Director:  
Alaska Loggers Association  
Chairman KHNS Radio Station  
USAG  
AFN Legislative Committee  
Lifetime Member:  
American Legion  
United Fishermen of Alaska

### **STATEMENT:**

As we get ready to enter a new redistricting plan, one has to evaluate candidates new to the voters. I have decided to seek re-election because I have the experience and seniority needed to benefit the new District. I also have a position in the House Leadership that will only improve our ability to achieve what the District will be needing. Your District Representative had a leadership position and my re-election will continue that advantage as I also serve as Co-Chair of the House Finance Committee (Operating Budget Chair). With the knowledge and experience I have gained in my 8 years in the Legislature, I can help the District achieve objectives and goals set out in the coming Legislative session.

I have never had an agenda, and don't plan to have one, I only want to continue to serve the people of the District and the State of Alaska. As a lifelong Southeast Alaskan, I am concerned about our loss of population and our economy and will continue to help communities try to make changes identified by them to meet their challenges.

If one were to ask if I have a special interest I would say it has to be the Veterans of America, this is one group I will openly and always support. The dedication our Veterans have given deserves our attention. Lower electricity costs for all is another concern of mine, thus the passage and extension of the renewable energy fund bill I have supported.

Thank you.

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