

SPEAKERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 1835-2011¹

Representative	County of Residence	District	Session Years
Ezra Convis	Calhoun	Calhoun	1835-1836
Charles W. Whipple	Wayne	Wayne	1837
Kinsley S. Bingham	Livingston	Livingston	1838-1839
Henry Acker	Jackson	Jackson	1840
Philo C. Fuller ²	Lenawee	Lenawee	1841
John Biddle	Wayne	Wayne	1841
Kinsley S. Bingham	Livingston	Livingston	1842
Robert McClelland	Monroe	Monroe	1843
Edwin H. Lothrop	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo	1844
Alfred H. Hanscom	Oakland	Oakland	1845
Isaac E. Crary	Calhoun	Calhoun	1846
George W. Peck	Livingston	Livingston	1847
Alexander W. Buel	Wayne	Wayne	1848
Leander Chapman	Jackson	Jackson	1849
Silas G. Harris	Ottawa	Ottawa/Kent	1850
Jefferson G. Thurber	Monroe	Monroe	1851
Daniel G. Quackenboss	Lenawee	1st Lenawee	1853
Cyrus Lovell	Ionia	Ionia	1855
Byron G. Stout	Oakland	1st Oakland	1857-1858
Henry A. Shaw	Eaton	1st Eaton	1859
Dexter Mussey	Macomb	3rd Macomb	1861-1862
Sullivan M. Cutcheon	Washtenaw	1st Washtenaw	1863-1864
Gilbert E. Read	Kalamazoo	1st Kalamazoo	1865
P. Dean Warner	Oakland	3rd Oakland	1867
Jonathan J. Woodman	Van Buren	1st Van Buren	1869-1872
Charles M. Crosswell	Lenawee	4th Lenawee	1873-1874
John P. Hoyt	Tuscola	Tuscola	1875
John T. Rich	Lapeer	1st Lapeer	1877-1879
Seth C. Moffatt	Gd. Traverse	Gd. Traverse/Wexford	1881-1882
Sumner Howard	Genesee	1st Genesee	1883
Newcomb Clark	Bay	2nd Bay	1885
Daniel P. Markey	Ogemaw	Ogemaw	1887
Gerrit J. Diekema	Ottawa	1st Ottawa	1889
Philip B. Wachtel	Cheboygan	Cheboygan	1891-1892
William A. Tateum	Kent	1st Kent	1893
William D. Gordon	Midland	Midland	1895-1898
Edgar J. Adams	Kent	1st Kent	1899-1900
John J. Carton	Genesee	2nd Genesee	1901-1903
Sheridan F. Master	Kalamazoo	1st Kalamazoo	1905
Nicholas J. Whelan	Ottawa	1st Ottawa	1907
Colin P. Campbell	Kent	3rd Kent	1909
Herbert F. Baker	Cheboygan	Cheboygan	1911-1912
Gilbert A. Currie	Midland	Midland	1913
Charles W. Smith	Lapeer	Lapeer	1915
Wayne R. Rice	Newaygo	Newaygo	1917
Thomas Read	Oceana	Oceana	1919
Fred L. Warner	Ionia	Ionia	1921-1922
George W. Welsh	Kent	1st Kent	1923
Fred B. Wells	Cass	Cass	1925-1926
Lynn C. Gardner	Livingston	Livingston	1927
Fred R. Ming	Cheboygan	Cheboygan	1929-1932
Martin R. Bradley	Menominee	Menominee	1933-1934
George A. Schroeder	Wayne	1st Wayne	1935-1938
Howard Nugent	Huron	Huron	1939-1946
Victor A. Knox	Chippewa	Chippewa	1947-1952
Wade Van Valkenburg	Kalamazoo	1st Kalamazoo	1953-1956
George M. Van Peurse	Ottawa	Ottawa	1957-1958
Don R. Pears	Berrien	1st Berrien	1959-1962
Allison Green	Tuscola	Tuscola	1963-1964
Joseph J. Kowalski	Wayne	19 ³	1965-1966
Robert E. Waldron	Wayne	1	1967-1968
William A. Ryan	Wayne	3	1969-1974
Bobby Crim	Genesee	82	1975-1982
Gary Owen	Washtenaw	22	1983-1988
Lewis N. Dodak	Saginaw	86	1989-1992

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Representative	County of Residence	District	Session Years
Curtis Hertel ⁴	Wayne	2	1993-1994
Paul Hillegonds ^{4,5}	Allegan	88	1993-1996
Curtis Hertel	Wayne	2	1997-1998
Charles R. Perricone	Kalamazoo	61	1999-2000
Rick Johnson	Osceola	102	2001-2004
Craig M. DeRoche	Oakland	38	2005-2006
Andy Dillon	Wayne	17	2007-2010
James Bolger	Calhoun	63	2011-

¹ Elected by house peers, the speaker of the house of representatives is the presiding officer of that body. In addition to duties as chair, the adopted rules of the house of representatives specify other powers and duties of the post. The speaker is currently elected for a two-year term in the odd-numbered years in which the legislature convenes.

² Resigned April 3, 1841; succeeded by John Biddle.

³ The Apportionment and Districting Plan of 1964 changed the method of naming legislative districts by counties to a numbering system. Under the previous system, the county was the basis for the district name, and each county, if qualified, had numbered districts within its borders. See Const. 1835, art. 4, §§3, 4; Const. 1850, art. 4, §§3, 4; Const. 1963, art. 4, §3.

⁴ Elected co-speaker of the house January 13, 1993. Pursuant to the Standing Rules of the House of Representatives and the *Democratic/Republican Leadership Agreement re Organization of the Michigan House of Representatives*, both ratified by resolutions adopted January 13, 1993, Democratic and Republican co-speakers were elected by the Michigan House of Representatives and authorized to act as presiding officer of the house during alternating months until the election of a speaker by at least 56 votes or the conclusion of the 87th Legislature on December 31, 1994. See 1993 Journal of the House (No. 1, January 13, 1993).

⁵ Elected speaker of the house January 11, 1995.

SPEAKERS PRO TEMPORE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 1835-2011¹

Representative	County of Residence	District	Session Years
Orin Howe	Washtenaw	Washtenaw	1835
Hiram Alden	Branch	Branch	1837
Alexander W. Buel	Wayne	Wayne	1838
Isaac Wixom	Oakland	Oakland	1839
Henry Acker ²	Jackson	Jackson	1840
Philo C. Fuller ³	Lenawee	Lenawee	1841
James B. Larue ⁴	Berrien	Berrien	1841
Edwin H. Lothrop	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo	1842-1843
D. C. Walker	Macomb	Macomb	1844
William A. Pratt	Oakland	Oakland	1845
Augustus C. Baldwin	Oakland	Oakland	1846
James L. Glenn	Cass	Cass	1847
Hiram Stone	Monroe	Monroe	1848
Charles M. O'Malley	Mackinac	Mackinac	1849
Oliver C. Comstock ⁵	Branch	Branch	1849
John Stockton	Macomb	Macomb	1850
Calvin Britain	Berrien	Berrien	1851
Edward G. Morton	Monroe	2nd Monroe	1853
Robert R. Beecher	Lenawee	3rd Lenawee	1855
William H. Gregory	Wayne	4th Wayne	1857
Charles Dickey	Calhoun	2nd Calhoun	1859
William T. Howell	Newaygo	Newaygo	1861-1863
Augustus D. Griswold	Kent	3rd Kent	1865
Jonathan J. Woodman	Van Buren	1st Van Buren	1867
Benjamin W. Huston, Jr.	Tuscola	Tuscola	1869-1872
Claudius B. Grant	Washtenaw	1st Washtenaw	1873-1874
Ervin C. Watkins	Kent	4th Kent	1875
Nathaniel A. Hamilton	Berrien	2nd Berrien	1877
Edward P. Allen	Washtenaw	1st Washtenaw	1879
William Ball	Livingston	Livingston	1881-1882
George H. Hopkins	Wayne	1st Wayne	1883
Leonard M. Sellars	Kent	3rd Kent	1885
Erastus N. Bates	Allegan	2nd Allegan	1887
Walter W. Williams	Eaton	1st Eaton	1889
George F. Richardson	Ottawa	2nd Ottawa	1891
Charles W. Moore	Wayne	1st Wayne	1893
George W. Partridge	Wayne	1st Wayne	1895
Oramel B. Fuller	Delta	Delta	1897-1898
George E. Gillam	Alcona	Iosco	1899-1900
Sherman T. Handy	Iron	Dickinson	1901
Sheridan J. Colby	Wayne	1st Wayne	1903
Nicholas J. Whelan	Ottawa	1st Ottawa	1905
Charles E. Ward	Shiawassee	Shiawassee	1907
James M. Monroe	Gogebic	Gogebic	1909
John M. Perry	Osceola	Osceola	1911-1912
Charles H. McBride	Ottawa	1st Ottawa	1913
Wayne R. Rice	Newaygo	Newaygo	1915
Lynn J. Lewis	Van Buren	Van Buren	1917
Franklin Moore	St. Clair	2nd St. Clair	1919
Fred E. Dunn	Wayne	2nd Wayne	1921-1922
Thomas D. Meggison	Antrim	Antrim	1923
Robert B. MacDonald	Houghton	1st Houghton	1925-1926
Milton R. Palmer	Wayne	1st Wayne	1927
William J. Thomas	Kent	3rd Kent	1929
Vincent P. Dacey	Wayne	1st Wayne	1931-1932
Tracy W. Southworth	Monroe	Monroe	1933-1934
Carl DeLano	Kalamazoo	2nd Kalamazoo	1935-1936
Frank Berka	Saginaw	1st Saginaw	1937-1938
Maurice E. Post	Kent	3rd Kent	1939-1942
Victor A. Knox	Chippewa	Chippewa	1943-1946
Bert J. Storey	Ionia	Ionia	1947-1948
Robert M. Montgomery	Ingham	1st Ingham	1949-1952
William S. Broomfield	Oakland	4th Oakland	1953-1954
Andrew Bolt	Kent	1st Kent	1955-1956
Don R. Pears	Berrien	1st Berrien	1957-1958
Charles A. Boyer	Manistee	Wexford	1959-1960
Wilfred G. Bassett	Jackson	1st Jackson	1961-1964

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Albert R. Horrigan	Genesee	19 ⁶	1965-1966
Martin D. Buth	Kent	90	1967-1968
Stanley J. Davis	Kent	92	1969-1972
Matthew McNeely	Wayne	16	1973-1986
Teola P. Hunter ⁷	Wayne	5	1987-1992
Raymond M. Murphy	Wayne	7	1992-1994
Frank M. Fitzgerald ^{8,9}	Eaton	71	1993-1996
Raymond M. Murphy	Wayne	7	1997-1998
Patricia L. Birkholz	Allegan	88	1999-2002
Larry Julian	Shiawassee	85	2003-2004
Jerry O. Kooiman	Kent	75	2005-2006
Michael G. Sak	Kent	76	2007-2008
Pam Byrnes	Washtenaw	52	2009-2010
John Walsh	Wayne	19	2011-

¹ The speaker pro tem of the house of representatives acts as the presiding officer of that body in the absence of the speaker.

² Elected speaker of the house of representatives January 8, 1840.

³ Elected speaker of the house of representatives January 6, 1841.

⁴ Elected speaker pro tem April 3, 1841.

⁵ Elected February 12, 1849, to preside in speaker's three-day absence.

⁶ The Apportionment and Districting Plan of 1964 changed the method of naming legislative districts by counties to a numbering system. Under the previous system, the county was the basis for the district name, and each county, if qualified, had numbered districts within its borders. See Const. 1835, art. 4, §§3, 4; Const. 1850, art. 4, §§3, 4; Const. 1963, art. 4, §3.

⁷ Resigned from the house of representatives January 17, 1992.

⁸ Elected co-speaker pro tem January 13, 1993. Pursuant to the Standing Rules of the House of Representatives and the *Democratic/Republican Leadership Agreement re Organization of the Michigan House of Representatives*, both ratified by resolutions adopted January 13, 1993, Democratic and Republican co-speakers pro tem were elected by the house of representatives and authorized to preside during alternating months. See 1993 Journal of the House (No. 1, January 13, 1993).

⁹ Elected speaker pro tempore January 11, 1995.

CLERKS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 1835-2011¹

Session Years	Name and Address	Session Years	Name and Address
1835-1836	George R. Griswold, Detroit	1903-1907	Charles S. Pierce, ² Oscoda
1837	Anthony Ten Eyck, Detroit	1907-1912	Paul H. King, ³ Lansing
1838	Jed P. C. Emmons, Detroit	1912-1927	Charles S. Pierce, Lansing
1839	Elijah J. Roberts, Detroit	1929-1936	Myles F. Gray, Lansing
1840-1841	Mark Howard, Ann Arbor	1937-1938	T. Thomas Thatcher, Ravenna
1841-1843	Elijah J. Roberts, Detroit	1939-1944	Myles F. Gray, Lansing
1844	Augustine W. Hovey, Pontiac	1945-1965	Norman E. Philleo, ⁴ Lansing
1845	Ezra Williams	1966-1980	T. Thomas Thatcher, Lansing
1846-1849	Augustine W. Hovey, Pontiac	1981-1983	Thomas S. Husband, ⁵ East Lansing
1850-1853	Daniel P. Bushnell, Detroit	1983-1984	William A. Ryan, Detroit
1855	Henry Barns, Detroit	1985-1994	David H. Evans, ⁶ Haslett
1857-1859	Charles V. DeLand, Jackson	1993-1996	Melvin DeStigter, ^{6,7} Hudsonville
1861-1863	Edward W. Barber, Charlotte	1997-1998	Mary Kay Scullion, Lansing
1864-1872	Nelson B. Jones, Lansing	1999-2006	Gary L. Randall, Elwell
1873-1889	Daniel L. Crossman, Williamston	2007-2010	Richard J. Brown, Bessemer
1891-1892	Lyman A. Brant, Detroit	2011-	Gary L. Randall, Elwell
1893-1901	Lewis M. Miller, Lansing		

¹ The office of clerk of the house of representatives is an elective position, by members of the house, in each odd-numbered year in which the legislature meets. The powers and duties of the post are established by the adopted rules of the house of representatives, which govern the day-to-day operations of that body.

² Resigned October 7, 1907; succeeded by Paul H. King.

³ Resigned February 26, 1912; succeeded by Charles S. Pierce.

⁴ Resigned January 1, 1966; succeeded by T. Thomas Thatcher.

⁵ Resigned May 2, 1983; succeeded by William A. Ryan.

⁶ Elected co-clerk of the house January 13, 1993. Pursuant to the Standing Rules of the House of Representatives and the *Democratic/Republican Leadership Agreement re Organization of the Michigan House of Representatives*, both ratified by resolutions adopted January 13, 1993, Democratic and Republican co-clerks of the house were elected by the house of representatives and authorized to act during the periods prescribed in the agreement and the rules. See 1993 Journal of the House (No. 1, January 13, 1993).

⁷ Elected clerk of the house January 11, 1995.