

## SPEAKERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 1835-2015<sup>1</sup>

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 <sup>2</sup>	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 <sup>3</sup>	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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Curtis Hertel <sup>4</sup>	Wayne	2	1993-1994
Paul Hillegonds <sup>4,5</sup>	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
Jase Bolger	Calhoun	63	2011-2014
Kevin Cotter	Isabella	99	2015-

<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>7</sup> The speaker is currently elected for a two-year term in the odd-numbered years in which the legislature convenes.

<sup>2</sup> Resigned April 3, 1841; succeeded by John Biddle.

<sup>3</sup> 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 Constitution of 1835, art. 4, secs. 3, 4; Constitution of 1850, art. 4, secs. 3, 4; Constitution of 1963, art. 4, sec. 3.

<sup>4</sup> 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).

<sup>5</sup> Elected speaker of the house January 11, 1995.