

House Chamber



House of Representatives Chamber

The Iowa House of Representatives Chamber, located on the second floor of the Capitol, was dedicated in 1884. There are 100 members in the House.

The legislators use this chamber during each session of the Iowa General Assembly. Each General Assembly consists of two consecutive sessions—one session each year—for two years. Every session begins on the second Monday in January, extending approximately 100 days in even-numbered years, and 110 days in odd-numbered years. The months between the sessions are referred to as the “interim” period. Each representative holds a two-year term, and must run for reelection at the end of the term if desiring to continue to serve in the House.

Extensive damage was done to the House Chamber during the 1904 fire. ([See Historical Look](#)) After the fire, the entire ceiling, stained glass, and chandeliers had to be replaced.

During the legislative session, visitors’ galleries are open to the public. During the interim, visitors are welcome to visit the chamber.

