



Historical Tables of the Iowa Legislature

## Secretaries of the Senate

### 1846 – 2021

| <b>Assembly</b> | <b>Years</b> | <b>Name</b>       | <b>Home County</b> |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1               | 1846 – 1848  | John B. Russell   | Unknown            |
| 2               | 1848 – 1850  | C. C. Rockwell    | Jackson            |
| 3               | 1850 – 1852  | Philip B. Bradley | Jackson            |
| 4               | 1852 – 1854  | T. B. Cuming      | Lee                |
| 5               | 1854 – 1856  | P. B. Rankin      | Lee                |
| 6               | 1856 – 1858  | Charles C. Nourse | Van Buren          |
| 7               | 1858 – 1860  | G. E. Spencer     | Jasper             |
| 8               | 1860 – 1862  | James H. Sanders  | Keokuk             |
| 9               | 1862 – 1864  | William F. Davis  | Muscatine          |
| 10              | 1864 – 1866  | William F. Davis  | Muscatine          |
| 11              | 1866 – 1868  | Jacob W. Dixon    | Wapello            |
| 12              | 1868 – 1870  | James M. Weart    | Buchanan           |
| 13              | 1870 – 1872  | James M. Weart    | Buchanan           |
| 14              | 1872 – 1874  | John A. T. Hull   | Van Buren          |
| 15              | 1874 – 1876  | John A. T. Hull   | Davis              |
| 16              | 1876 – 1878  | John A. T. Hull   | Davis              |
| 17              | 1878 – 1880  | John A. T. Hull   | Davis              |
| 18              | 1880 – 1882  | A. T. McCargar    | Clay               |
| 19              | 1882 – 1884  | Frank D. Jackson  | Butler             |
| 20              | 1884 – 1886  | Frank D. Jackson  | Butler             |
| 21              | 1886 – 1888  | Don D. Donnan     | Clayton            |
| 22              | 1888 – 1890  | Cloud H. Brock    | Marshall           |
| 23              | 1890 – 1892  | W. R. Cockran     | Taylor             |
| 24              | 1892 – 1894  | S. N. Parsons     | Linn               |
| 25              | 1894 – 1896  | E. R. Hutchins    | Polk               |

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|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 26              | 1896 – 1898  | W. E. Bullard       | Wright             |
| 27              | 1898 – 1900  | George A. Newman    | Black Hawk         |
| 28              | 1900 – 1902  | George A. Newman    | Black Hawk         |
| 29              | 1902 – 1904  | George A. Newman    | Black Hawk         |
| 30              | 1904 – 1906  | George A. Newman    | Black Hawk         |
| 31              | 1906 – 1907  | George A. Newman    | Black Hawk         |
| 32              | 1907 – 1909  | George A. Newman    | Black Hawk         |
| 33              | 1909 – 1911  | Samuel W. Neal      | Washington         |
| 34              | 1911 – 1913  | George A. Wilson    | Polk               |
| 35              | 1913 – 1915  | Joseph F. Meyer     | Polk               |
| 36              | 1915 – 1917  | Thomas Watters      | Polk               |
| 37              | 1917 – 1919  | Thomas Watters      | Polk               |
| 38              | 1919 – 1921  | Thomas Watters      | Polk               |
| 39              | 1921 – 1923  | L. W. Ainsworth     | Polk               |
| 40              | 1923 – 1925  | L. W. Ainsworth     | Polk               |
| 41              | 1925 – 1927  | Walter H. Beam      | Warren             |
| 42              | 1927 – 1929  | Walter H. Beam      | Warren             |
| 43              | 1929 – 1931  | Walter H. Beam      | Warren             |
| 44              | 1931 – 1933  | Walter H. Beam      | Warren             |
| 45              | 1933 – 1935  | Byron G. Allen      | Pocahontas         |
| 46              | 1935 – 1937  | Hedo M. Zacherle    | Polk               |
| 47              | 1937 – 1939  | Walter H. Beam      | Warren             |
| 48              | 1939 – 1941  | Walter H. Beam      | Warren             |
| 49              | 1941 – 1943  | Walter H. Beam      | Warren             |
| 50              | 1943 – 1945  | W. J. Scarborough   | Polk               |
| 51              | 1945 – 1947  | W. J. Scarborough   | Polk               |
| 52              | 1947 – 1949  | W. J. Scarborough   | Polk               |
| 53              | 1949 – 1951  | W. J. Scarborough   | Polk               |
| 54              | 1951 – 1953  | Carroll A. Lane     | Carroll            |
| 55              | 1953 – 1955  | Carroll A. Lane     | Carroll            |
| 56              | 1955 – 1957  | Carroll A. Lane     | Carroll            |
| 57              | 1957 – 1959  | Richard W. Berglund | Polk               |
| 58              | 1959 – 1961  | Richard W. Berglund | Polk               |
| 59              | 1961 – 1963  | Carroll A. Lane     | Carroll            |
| 60              | 1963 – 1965  | Carroll A. Lane     | Carroll            |
| 61              | 1965 – 1967  | Robert G. Moore     | Harrison           |
| 62              | 1967 – 1969  | Al Meacham          | Poweshiek          |
| 63              | 1969 – 1971  | Carroll A. Lane     | Carroll            |
| 64              | 1971 – 1973  | Carroll A. Lane     | Carroll            |

| Assembly | Years       | Name                            | Home County |
|----------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 65       | 1973 – 1975 | Ralph R. Brown                  | Scott       |
| 66       | 1975 – 1977 | Clark R. Rasmussen <sup>1</sup> | Polk        |
| 66       | 1975 – 1977 | Steven C. Cross                 | Polk        |
| 67       | 1977 – 1979 | Steven C. Cross <sup>2</sup>    | Polk        |
| 67       | 1977 – 1979 | Kevin P. Light                  | Polk        |
| 68       | 1979 – 1981 | Francis J. Stork                | Kossuth     |
| 69       | 1981 – 1983 | Linda H. MacKay <sup>3</sup>    | Polk        |
| 69       | 1981 – 1983 | K. Marie Thayer                 | Polk        |
| 70       | 1983 – 1985 | K. Marie Thayer                 | Polk        |
| 71       | 1985 – 1987 | K. Marie Thayer                 | Polk        |
| 72       | 1987 – 1989 | John E. Dwyer                   | Polk        |
| 73       | 1989 – 1991 | John E. Dwyer                   | Polk        |
| 74       | 1991 – 1993 | John E. Dwyer                   | Polk        |
| 75       | 1993 – 1995 | John E. Dwyer                   | Polk        |
| 76       | 1995 – 1997 | John E. Dwyer                   | Polk        |
| 77       | 1997 – 1999 | Mary P. Gunderson               | Polk        |
| 78       | 1999 – 2001 | Michael E. Marshall             | Dallas      |
| 79       | 2001 – 2003 | Michael E. Marshall             | Dallas      |
| 80       | 2003 – 2005 | Michael E. Marshall             | Dallas      |
| 81       | 2005 – 2007 | Michael E. Marshall             | Dallas      |
| 82       | 2007 – 2009 | Michael E. Marshall             | Dallas      |
| 83       | 2009 – 2011 | Michael E. Marshall             | Dallas      |
| 84       | 2011 – 2013 | Michael E. Marshall             | Dallas      |
| 85       | 2013 – 2015 | Michael E. Marshall             | Dallas      |
| 86       | 2015 – 2017 | Michael E. Marshall             | Dallas      |
| 87       | 2017 – 2019 | W. Charles Smithson             | Polk        |
| 88       | 2019 – 2021 | W. Charles Smithson             | Polk        |
| 89       | 2021 – 2023 | W. Charles Smithson             | Polk        |

<sup>1</sup> In the 66th General Assembly, Clark R. Rasmussen served as secretary during the First Session (1975) and Steven C. Cross served as secretary during the Second Session (1976).

<sup>2</sup> In the 67th General Assembly, Steven C. Cross served as secretary during the First Session (1977) and part of the Second Session (January to March 1978); Kevin P. Light served as acting secretary for the remainder of the Second Session.

<sup>3</sup> In the 69th General Assembly, Linda H. MacKay served as secretary during the First Session (1981) and K. Marie Thayer served as secretary during the Second Session (1982).