



Historical Tables of the Iowa Legislature

# Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives 1846 – 2025

<b>Assembly</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Home County</b>
1	1846 – 1848	Silas A. Hudson	Des Moines
2	1848 – 1850	William E. Leffingwell	Clinton
3	1850 – 1852	C. C. Rockwell	Jackson
4	1852 – 1854	J. S. Booton	Marion
5	1854 – 1856	Charles C. Nourse	Van Buren
6	1856 – 1858	James W. Logan	Muscatine
7	1858 – 1860	W. P. Hepburn	Marshall
8	1860 – 1862	Charles Aldrich	Hamilton
9	1862 – 1864	Charles Aldrich	Hamilton
10	1864 – 1866	Jacob Rich	Buchanan
11	1866 – 1868	Charles Aldrich	Hamilton
12	1868 – 1870	M. C. Woodruff	Hardin
13	1870 – 1872	Charles Aldrich	Marshall
14	1872 – 1874	John J. Safely	Wapello
15	1874 – 1876	James M. Weart	Buchanan
16	1876 – 1878	James W. Logan	Black Hawk
17	1878 – 1880	William V. Lucas	Cerro Gordo
18	1880 – 1882	William V. Lucas	Cerro Gordo
19	1882 – 1884	E. C. Haynes	Appanoose
20	1884 – 1886	S. A. Foster	Worth
21	1886 – 1888	J. K. Powers	Pottawattamie
22	1888 – 1890	D. C. Kolp	Ida
23	1890 – 1892	H. S. Wilcox	Polk

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24	1892 – 1894	Charles Beverly	Greene
25	1894 – 1896	L. K. Wilson	Madison
26	1896 – 1898	J. D. Rowen	Polk
27	1898 – 1900	J. D. Rowen	Polk
28	1900 – 1902	S. M. Cart	Warren
29	1902 – 1904	C. R. Benedict	Shelby
30	1904 – 1906	C. R. Benedict	Shelby
31	1906 – 1907	C. R. Benedict	Shelby
32	1907 – 1909	C. R. Benedict	Shelby
33	1909 – 1911	C. R. Benedict	Shelby
34	1911 – 1913	C. R. Benedict	Shelby
35	1913 – 1915	A. C. Gustafson	Montgomery
36	1915 – 1917	W. C. Ramsay	Wright
37	1917 – 1919	W. C. Ramsay	Wright
38	1919 – 1921	W. C. Ramsay	Wright
38	1919 – 1921	Scott H. McClure <sup>1</sup>	Buena Vista
39	1921 – 1923	A. C. Gustafson	Polk
40	1923 – 1925	A. C. Gustafson	Polk
41	1925 – 1927	A. C. Gustafson	Polk
42	1927 – 1929	A. C. Gustafson	Polk
43	1929 – 1931	A. C. Gustafson	Polk
44	1931 – 1933	Sam C. Ragan	Keokuk
45	1933 – 1935	Lloyd Ellis	Lucas
46	1935 – 1937	Virgil Lakin	Iowa
47	1937 – 1939	A. C. Gustafson	Polk
48	1939 – 1941	A. C. Gustafson	Polk
49	1941 – 1943	A. C. Gustafson	Polk
50	1943 – 1945	A. C. Gustafson	Polk
51	1945 – 1947	A. C. Gustafson	Polk
52	1947 – 1949	A. C. Gustafson	Polk
53	1949 – 1951	A. C. Gustafson	Polk
54	1951 – 1953	A. C. Gustafson	Polk
55	1953 – 1955	A. C. Gustafson	Polk
56	1955 – 1957	A. C. Gustafson	Polk
57	1957 – 1959	A. C. Gustafson	Polk
58	1959 – 1961	William R. Kendrick	Polk

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<sup>1</sup> Scott H. McClure served as chief clerk during the Extraordinary Session of the 38th General Assembly following the appointment of W. C. Ramsay as Secretary of State.

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59	1961 – 1963	William R. Kendrick	Polk
60	1963 – 1965	William R. Kendrick	Polk
61	1965 – 1967	William R. Kendrick	Polk
62	1967 – 1969	William R. Kendrick	Polk
63	1969 – 1971	William R. Kendrick	Polk
64	1971 – 1973	William R. Kendrick	Polk
65	1973 – 1975	William H. Harbor	Mills
66	1975 – 1977	David L. Wray	Polk
67	1977 – 1979	David L. Wray	Polk
68	1979 – 1981	David L. Wray	Polk
69	1981 – 1983	Patricia H. Harper <sup>2</sup>	Polk
69	1981 – 1983	Elizabeth A. Isaacson	Polk
70	1983 – 1985	Joseph O’Hern	Polk
71	1985 – 1987	Joseph O’Hern	Polk
72	1987 – 1989	Joseph O’Hern	Polk
73	1989 – 1991	Joseph O’Hern	Polk
74	1991 – 1993	Joseph O’Hern	Polk
75	1993 – 1995	Elizabeth A. Isaacson	Polk
76	1995 – 1997	Elizabeth A. Isaacson	Polk
77	1997 – 1999	Elizabeth A. Isaacson	Polk
78	1999 – 2001	Elizabeth A. Isaacson	Polk
79	2001 – 2003	Margaret A. Thomson	Polk
80	2003 – 2005	Margaret A. Thomson	Polk
81	2005 – 2007	Margaret A. Thomson	Polk
82	2007 – 2009	Mark W. Brandsgard	Polk
83	2009 – 2011	Mark W. Brandsgard	Polk
84	2011 – 2013	W. Charles Smithson	Polk
85	2013 – 2015	Carmine R. Boal	Polk
86	2015 – 2017	Carmine R. Boal	Polk
87	2017 – 2019	Carmine R. Boal	Polk
88	2019 – 2021	Carmine R. Boal <sup>3</sup>	Polk
88	2019 – 2021	Meghan Nelson	Jasper
89	2021 – 2023	Meghan Nelson	Jasper
90	2023 – 2025	Meghan Nelson	Jasper
91	2025 – 2027	Meghan Nelson	Jasper

<sup>2</sup> In the 69th General Assembly, Patricia H. Harper served as chief clerk during the First Session (1981) and Elizabeth A. Isaacson served as chief clerk during the Second Session (1982).

<sup>3</sup> In the 88th General Assembly, Carmine R. Boal served as chief clerk during the First Session (2019) and Meghan Nelson served as chief clerk during the Second Session (2020).