



Historical Tables of the Iowa Legislature

Secretaries of the Senate

1846 – 2026

Assembly	Years	Name	Home County
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

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65	1973 – 1975	Ralph R. Brown	Scott
66	1975 – 1977	Clark R. Rasmussen ¹	Polk
66	1975 – 1977	Steven C. Cross	Polk
67	1977 – 1979	Steven C. Cross ²	Polk
67	1977 – 1979	Kevin P. Light	Polk
68	1979 – 1981	Francis J. Stork	Kossuth
69	1981 – 1983	Linda H. MacKay ³	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 F. Dwyer	Polk
73	1989 – 1991	John F. Dwyer	Polk
74	1991 – 1993	John F. Dwyer	Polk
75	1993 – 1995	John F. Dwyer	Polk
76	1995 – 1997	John F. 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
90	2023 – 2025	W. Charles Smithson	Polk
91	2025 – 2027	W. Charles Smithson	Polk

¹ 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).

² 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.

³ 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).