

FORMER STATE LEGISLATURES, 1835-1988

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							Dem.	Whig	Dem.	Whig
1	1835	Nov. 2/Nov. 14	13	7		2		16 ⁷		50 ⁷
	1836	Feb. 1/Mar. 28	57	83		7		16		50
		July 11/July 26	16	30		3				
2	1837	Jan. 2/Mar. 22	80	111		16		16		50
		June 12/June 22	11	19		3				
		Nov. 9/Dec. 30	52	14		5				
3	1838	Jan. 1/Apr. 6	96	126		23		16		50
4	1839	Jan. 7/Apr. 20	104	117		35		17 ⁸		52 ⁸
5	1840	Jan. 6/Apr. 1	87	127		27		17		52
6	1841	Jan. 4/Apr. 13	100	90		30		17		52
7	1842	Jan. 3/Feb. 17	46	89		42		18 ⁹		53 ⁹
8	1843	Jan. 2/Mar. 9	67	98		25		18		53
9	1844	Jan. 1/Mar. 12	72	96		34	18		47	6
10	1845	Jan. 6/Mar. 24	78	115		30		18		53
11	1846	Jan. 5/May 18	134	160		30		18		53
12	1847	Jan. 4/Mar. 17	73	110		38		22 ¹⁰		66 ¹⁰
13	1848	Jan. 3/Apr. 3	92	295		52		22		66
14	1849	Jan. 1/Apr. 2	92	267		41		22		66
15	1850	Jan. 7/Apr. 2	86	346		33	18	4	40	23
16	1851	Feb. 5/Apr. 5	60	157		18	16	6	40 ¹¹	23 ¹¹
		June 9/June 28	20	38		1				
17	1853	Jan. 5/Feb. 14	41	97		25	25 ¹²	7 ¹²	52 ¹²	19 ¹²
							Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.
18	1855	Jan. 3/Feb. 13	42	174		32	7	25	24	48
19	1857	Jan. 7/Feb. 17	42	195		31	3	29	17 ¹³	63 ¹³
	1858	Jan. 20/Feb. 4	16	32		10				
20	1859	Jan. 5/Feb. 16	43	263		29	8	24	25 ¹⁴	56 ¹⁴
21	1861	Jan. 2/Mar. 16	74	265		19	2	30	11 ¹⁵	72 ¹⁵
		May 7/May 11	4	10		2				
	1862	Jan. 2/Jan. 20	19	26		16				
22	1863	Jan. 7/Mar. 23	76	243		26	14 (D&U) ¹⁶	18	39 ¹⁷	60 ¹⁷
	1864	Jan. 19/Feb. 6	19	71		9	14	18	39	
23	1865	Jan. 4/Mar. 23	79	365		58	11 (D&U)	21	27	73
24	1867	Jan. 2/Mar. 28	86	520		47	1	30	21	79
25	1869	Jan. 6/Apr. 5	90	486		56	5	27	25	75
	1870	July 27/Aug. 10	15	8		4				
26	1871	Jan. 4/Apr. 18	105	197 ¹⁸	297 ¹⁸	52	5	27	29	71
	1872	Mar. 13/Apr. 11	30 ¹⁹	64	0	14				
		Apr. 11/May 24 ²⁰	44							
27	1873	Jan. 1/May 1	121	199 ¹⁸	197 ¹⁸	43	1	31	5	95
	1874	Mar. 3/Mar. 26	24	7	15	11				
28	1875	Jan. 6/May 4	119	234	166	48	15	17	46	54
29	1877	Jan. 3/May 22	140	207 ²¹	157 ²¹	49	9	23	25	75
30	1879	Jan. 1/May 31	151	268	140	53	9	23	35	65
							(D&N) ²²			
31	1881	Jan. 5/June 11	158	290	142	43	2	30	14 ²³	86
							(D&N)			
	1882	Feb. 23/Mar. 14	20	27	21	5				
32	1883	Jan. 3/June 9	158	197	144	28	13 (D&N) ²⁴	19	38	62
33	1885	Jan. 7/June 20	165	234	165	42	14 (D&N) ²⁵	18	48	52
34	1887	Jan. 5/June 29	176	317	248	36	10 (D&N)	22	37 ²⁶	63
35	1889	Jan. 2/July 3	183	277	207	42	8 (D&N)	24	30	70
36	1891	Jan. 7/July 3	178	200	198	22	17 (D&N)	15 ²⁷	66 ²⁸	34
	1892	Aug. 5/Aug. 8	4	2	0	2				
37	1893	Jan. 4/May 29	146	213	209	34	10 (D&N) ²⁹	22	31 ³⁰	69
38	1895	Jan. 2/May 31	150	271	198	33	0	32	1	99
39	1897	Jan. 6/May 31	146	289	190	37	6 (D&N) ³¹	26	19 ³¹	81
	1898	Mar. 22/Apr. 13	23	8	0	3				

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40	1899	Jan. 4/June 24	172	273	190	37				
		Dec. 18/Jan. 6	19	3	4	2				
	1900	Oct. 10/Oct. 15	6	6	0	2				
		Dec. 12/Dec. 22	11	0	0	0				
41	1901	Jan. 2/June 6	156	242	244	31	1	31	10	90
42	1903	Jan. 7/June 18	107	257	293	27	1	31	10	90
43	1905	Jan. 4/June 17	97	332	339	21	0	32	0	100
44	1907	Jan. 2/June 29	106	340	414	36	0	32	5	95
		Oct. 7/Oct. 26	10	7	2	2				
45	1909	Jan. 6/June 2	87	322	5	4	0	32	2	98
46	1911	Jan. 4/May 2	73	299	12	1	4	28	12	88
	1912	Feb. 26/Mar. 20	15	12	0	0	4	28	12	88
		Mar. 20/Apr. 10	12	9	0	2				
47	1913	Jan. 1/May 15	86	407	10	9	5	27 ³²	35	65 ³³
48	1915	Jan. 6/May 25	82	314	11	2	3	29	5	95
49	1917	Jan. 3/May 11	75	387	4	8	5	27	12	88
50	1919	Jan. 1/May 15	82	421	11	5	0	32	2	98
		June 3/June 26	12	26	0	1				
51	1921	Jan. 5/May 19	77	404	6	3	0	32	0	100
		May 24/June 20	13	31	0	2				
		June 30/July 26	5	5	0	0				
	1922	Oct. 10/Oct. 20	5	1	0	0	0	32	0	100
52	1923	Jan. 3/May 31	81	323	0	1	0	32	5	95
		Dec. 4/Dec. 19	13	0	5	0				
53	1925	Jan. 7/May 28	79	393	3	5	0	32	0	100
	1926	Feb. 16/Mar. 15	13	21	0	0	0	32	0	100
54	1927	Jan. 5/June 6	82	408	9	4	0	32	2	98
55	1929	Jan. 2/May 29	85	326	8	3	0	32	2	98
56	1931	Jan. 7/June 19	93	336	11	5	1	31	2	98
	1932	Mar. 29/May 21	29	42	0	0	1	31	2	98
		Dec. 27/Dec. 31	4	1	0	0				
57	1933	Jan. 4/July 18	118	270	6	1	17	15	55	45
		Nov. 22/Jan. 4	21	19	0	0				
	1934	Feb. 19/Apr. 4	22	40	0	0	17	15	55	45
		Dec. 10/Dec. 31	8	0	0	0				
58	1935	Jan. 2/June 22	97	258	6	3	11	21	49	51
	1936	Dec. 21/Dec. 29	3	1	0	0	11	21	49	51
59	1937	Jan. 6/July 30	110	350	8	1	17	15	60	40
		July 30/Aug. 1	12	4	0	0				
	1938	Aug. 29/Sept. 16	5	9	0	0	17	15	60	40
60	1939	Jan. 4/June 30	100	346	4	2	9	23	27	73
61	1941	Jan. 1/Oct. 11	100	384	6	2	10	22	32	68
	1942	Jan. 19/Jan. 27	6	16	0	0	10	22	32	68
		Feb. 9/Feb. 27	12	22	0	0				
62	1943	Jan. 6/Apr. 30	58	250	6	5	7	25	26	74
		Apr. 30/May 20 ³⁴	5							
	1944	Jan. 31/Mar. 14	17	59	0	0	7	25	26	74
		June 19/June 20	2	1	0	0				
		Nov. 3/Nov. 4	2	3	0	0				
63	1945	Jan. 3/June 7	79	345	32	2	8	24	34	66
	1946	Feb. 4/Mar. 8	16	29	0	1	8	24	34	66
		July 9/July 26	5	4	0	1				
64	1947	Jan. 1/July 12	97	360	11	4	4	28	5	95
		Sept. 29/Sept. 30	2	1	0	0				
		Nov. 5/Nov. 12	4	4	0	0				
	1948	Mar. 16/May 21	27	51	0	2	4	28	5	95
		Dec. 6/Dec. 15	3	11	0	0				
65	1949	Jan. 5/June 24	91	317	5	1	9	23	39	61
	1950	Mar. 15/Dec. 30	102	43	0	2	9	23	39	61
66	1951	Jan. 3/June 29	95	279	6	3	7	25	34	66
		Aug. 20/Aug. 22	3	5	0	0				
		Oct. 23/Oct. 24	2	2	0	0				
	1952	Jan. 9/June 19	76	280	5	1	7	25	34	66
		Dec. 18/Dec. 23	2	4	0	0				
67	1953	Jan. 14/July 3	87	234	5	1	8	24	34	66
	1954	Jan. 13/May 14	65	217	5	2	8	24	34	66
		Aug. 18/Aug. 19	2	3	0	0				
68	1955	Jan. 12/July 15	97	283	6	4	11 ³⁵	23 ³⁵	51 ³⁵	59 ³⁵
		Nov. 1/Nov. 4	4	11	0	0				
		Nov. 7/Dec. 14	18	1	0	0				
	1956	Jan. 11/May 12	64	230	1	1	11	23	51	59
		June 13/Nov. 8	10	14	6	0				

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69	1957	Jan. 9/June 28	92	315	10	0	11	23	49	61	
	1958	Jan. 8/June 14	74	230	1	0	11	23	49	61	
70		June 19/June 19	1	1	0	0					
	1959	Jan. 14/Dec. 19	175	277	1	3	12	22	55	55	
	1960	Jan. 13/May 18	63	163	1	2	12	22	55	55	
		Sept. 22/Sept. 23	2	2	0	0					
71		Dec. 7/Dec. 12	2	2	0	0					
	1961	Jan. 11/June 9	78	239	2	3	12	22	54	56	
		June 15/June 15	1	0	0	0					
	1962	Jan. 10/Dec. 27	104	242	1	0	12	22	54	56	
72	1963	Jan. 9/June 7	74	249	2	1	11	23	52	58	
		Sept. 11/Nov. 14	24	2	0	0					
		Dec. 3/Dec. 24	14	68	1	0					
	1964	Jan. 8/May 29	88	290	3	0	11	23	52	58	
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73	1965	Jan. 13/Dec. 30	126	126	413	3	1	23 ³⁶	15 ³⁶	73	37
	1966	Jan. 12/Dec. 9	118	120	351	1	1	23	15	73	37
74	1967	Jan. 11/Aug. 3	112	118	306	1	1	18	20	54	56
		Oct. 10/Dec. 22	29	33	12	0	0				
75	1968	Jan. 10/Aug. 16	101	104	358	2	4	18	20	54	56
	1969	Jan. 8/Dec. 19	146	142	346	0	0	18	20	57	53
	1970	Jan. 14/Dec. 31	120	128	252	1	1	18	20	57	53
	1971	Jan. 13/Dec. 30	144	155	233	0	1	19	19	58	52
76	1972	Jan. 12/Dec. 29	119	120	382	1	5	19	19	58	52
	1973	Jan. 10/Dec. 28	127	126	208	2	0	19	19	60	50
77	1974	Jan. 9/Dec. 31	116	121	387	1	0	19	19	60	50
	1975	Jan. 8/Dec. 31	141	142	336	0	0	24	14	66	44
	1976	Jan. 14/Dec. 30	122	128	454	0	1	24	14	66	44
	1977	Jan. 12/Dec. 29	134	133	319	1	0	24	14	68	42
79	1978	Jan. 11/Dec. 29	125	127	642	0	5	24	14	70	40
	1979	Jan. 10/Dec. 27	128	136	220	0	0	24	14	70	40
80	1980	Jan. 9/Dec. 30	133	134	524	0	4	24	14	70	40
	1981	Jan. 14/Dec. 30	123	129	232	0	2	24	14	64	46
82	1982	Jan. 13/Dec. 29	110	116	541	0	0	24	14	64	46
	1983	Jan. 12/Dec. 29	123	120	259	0	0	20	18	63	47
83	1984	Jan. 11/Dec. 28	90	102	432	0	2	18 ³⁷	20 ³⁷	63	47
	1985	Jan. 9/Dec. 30	107	126	227	0	0	18	20	57	53
	1986	Jan. 8/Dec. 30	81	94	322	0	3	18	20	64	46
	1987	Jan. 14/Dec. 30	99	110	286	0	0	18	20	64	46
84	1988	Jan. 13/Dec. 29	87	97	521	0	1	18	20	64	46

¹The provisions of the Constitution of 1835 governed the 1st through the 15th legislatures, while the Constitution of 1850 regulated the actions of the 16th through the 44th legislatures. The 45th through the 3rd session of the 72nd legislature acted under the terms of the Constitution of 1908. The 1964 session of the 72nd legislature and all subsequent sessions have been governed by the provisions of the Constitution of 1963.

The 1st through the 12th legislatures also met in Detroit, then the capital of the state. Beginning with the 13th legislature, all subsequent sessions have convened in Lansing, designated Michigan's capital by Act 60 of 1847, Laws of Michigan.

²The date listed is that of the last adjourning house.

³The length of the sessions of the 1st through the 41st legislatures is calculated in calendar days from the opening to the adjournment of each session. Beginning with the 42nd and ending with the 72nd legislature, the number listed is the actual number of session days of the last adjourning house.

⁴The 1st through the 25th legislatures made no distinction between a public act or a local act; all were published as "acts of the legislature" in a single volume. Act 97 of 1871, Laws of Michigan, first required the publication of public acts and local acts as separate volumes.

⁵For the 1st through the 47th legislatures, the number of resolutions listed may include joint, concurrent, or regular resolutions. Beginning with the 48th legislature and with the exception of 1925, this number includes only joint resolutions.

⁶Political data has been included in the table since 1885. The political make-up of the earlier legislatures was ascertained as nearly as possible by researching newspapers of the period, of which 1850 was the earliest obtainable.

⁷As Allegan County was organized by an act of the territorial council after adoption of the proposed constitution for submission to a vote and before actual adoption by the voters, the county was entitled to 1 representative in the house upon the effective date of the constitution. Therefore, the house of representatives admitted the Allegan County delegate, increasing its membership to 50. See Const 1835, art 4, §4, and Sched §12.

⁸Under the terms of the Constitution of 1835, art 4, §3, the legislature enacted Act 82 of 1838, Laws of Michigan, apportioning house of representatives members and arranging senate districts.

⁹See Act 61 of 1841, Laws of Michigan, reapportioning house of representatives membership and senate districts.

¹⁰See Act 25 of 1846, Laws of Michigan, reapportioning house of representatives membership and senate districts.

¹¹Organized as counties in March 1850, prior to the adoption of the Constitution of 1850, both Tuscola and Montcalm counties were entitled to 1 representative each under the provisions of the Constitution of 1835, art 4, §4. The house of representatives admitted both delegates to increase its membership to 68.

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- ¹²The Constitution of 1850, art 4, §2, increased the number of senators to 32. Article 4, §3, established a range in the number of representatives. Act 167 of the Extra Session of 1851, Laws of Michigan, reapportioned house membership within that range.
- ¹³See Act 104 of 1855, Laws of Michigan, reapportioning house of representatives membership. Saginaw County was inadvertently omitted from the reapportionment act, but was entitled to 1 seat in the house.
- ¹⁴Bay County was organized in 1857. Having met the requirements for representation of the Constitution of 1850, art 4, §3, the house of representatives admitted its delegate, increasing membership to 81.
- ¹⁵Alpena County, organized in 1857 and originally a part of another district, met the population requirements of the Constitution of 1850, art 4, §3, thereby entitling it to 1 representative. Muskegon County was organized in 1859 under the terms of the Constitution of 1850. Therefore, the house of representatives admitted both delegates to increase its membership to 83.
- ¹⁶Democratic and Union.
- ¹⁷See Act 116 of 1861, Laws of Michigan, reapportioning house of representatives membership and increasing it to the constitutional limit.
- ¹⁸Act 97 of 1871 and Act 157 of 1873, Laws of Michigan, authorized the publication of acts enacted by the legislature into 3 volumes: acts of a general nature; charters from cities, villages and other municipal bodies, and all acts of a local or personal nature. The charters of cities, villages and municipal bodies are included in the local act total.
- ¹⁹Both the house and senate voted to extend the extra session beyond its 20-day constitutional limit to allow members of the senate to return home before organizing as a court of impeachment.
- ²⁰Session of the senate sitting as a court of impeachment for the trial of Charles A. Edmonds, commissioner of the state land office.
- ²¹Act 170 of 1877 repealed the 1871 and 1873 acts on publication of laws enacted and authorized the publication of acts enacted into 2 volumes: acts of a general nature and all acts of a local nature.
- ²²Democratic and National.
- ²³One Independent.
- ²⁴Democratic, Fusionist and Greenback.
- ²⁵Greenback and Republican, 1; Labor and Fusionist, 1; Labor and Republican, 1.
- ²⁶Labor Republican, 4; Labor and Fusionist, 3; Greenback and Labor, 1; Labor, Greenback and Republican, 1; Patrons of Industry, 3.
- ²⁷Three Patrons of Industry.
- ²⁸Four Patrons of Industry and 3 Industrial.
- ²⁹One Democratic and Populist.
- ³⁰Three Populists.
- ³¹Democratic, Populist and Silverite.
- ³²Six National Progressives.
- ³³Eleven National Progressives.
- ³⁴Session of the senate sitting as a court of impeachment for the trial of Michael E. Nolan, judge of probate for the County of Gogebic.
- ³⁵An amendment to sections 2, 3, and 4 of article 5 of the Constitution of 1908, proposed by initiative petition and approved November 1952, increased the number of senators to 34 and the number of representatives to 110.
- ³⁶The Constitution of 1963, art 4, §2, increased the number of senators to 38.
- ³⁷Voters recalled Democratic senators representing the 8th and 9th senate districts in November 1983. Republican candidates won both seats.