

PRESIDENTS PRO TEM, STATE SENATE, 1835-1989¹

Senator	Session Years	District	County of Residence
John S. Barry	1835-1836	3	St. Joseph
Jonathan D. Davis	1837	1	Wayne
John S. Barry	1838	3	St. Joseph
Benjamin B. Kercheval ²	1839	1	Wayne
Thomas J. Drake ³	1840-1841	3	Genesee
James Kingsley	1842	2	Washtenaw
William L. Greenly	1842-1843	3	Lenawee
Edwin M. Cust	1844	2	Livingston
William T. Howell	1845	3	Hillsdale
Flavius J. Littlejohn	1846	5	Allegan
Charles P. Bush ⁴	1847	2	Livingston
Samuel Denton	1848	2	Washtenaw
Alvin N. Hart	1849	6	Lapeer
Jonathan P. King	1850	6	Mackinac
Michael Shoemaker	1851	2	Jackson
George R. Griswold ⁵	1853	1	Wayne
Alonzo Cressy	1855	15	Hillsdale
Perley Bills	1857-1858	11	Lenawee
Omar D. Conger	1859	26	St. Clair
Joseph R. Williams ⁶	1861	16	St. Joseph
Henry T. Backus	1861	3	Wayne
Byron G. Stout	1862	5	Oakland
Charles M. Crosswell	1863-1867	10, 8 ⁷	Lenawee
William B. Williams	1869-1870	17	Allegan
Alfred B. Wood ⁸	1871	26	Saginaw
Philip H. Emerson	1872	11	Calhoun
J. Webster Childs	1873-1874	4	Washtenaw
John K. Boies	1875	6	Lenawee
Charles D. Nelson	1877	26	Muskegon
William Chamberlain	1879	13	Berrien
William E. Ambler	1881-1882	27	Oceana
Archibald Butters	1883	28	Charlevoix
James W. Belknap	1885	21	Montcalm
Charles J. Monroe	1887	10	Van Buren
William Ball ⁹	1889	13	Livingston
Chauncey W. Wisner ¹⁰	1891	18	Saginaw
Aaron B. Brown	1892	23	Montcalm
Samuel W. Hopkins	1893	25	Isabella
Joseph R. McLaughlin ¹¹	1895	3	Wayne
John L. Preston	1897-1898	21	Lapeer
Robert B. Loomis	1899-1901	16	Kent
Oramel B. Fuller	1903	30	Delta
Cassius L. Glasgow	1905	15	Barry
Michael H. Moriarty	1907	31	Iron
Fred R. Ming	1909	29	Cheboygan
Fred B. Kline	1911-1912	19	Lenawee
Frank D. Scott	1913	29	Alpena
Walter R. Taylor	1915	6	Kalamazoo
J. Lee Morford	1917	29	Otsego
Charles B. Scully	1919	21	Lapeer
Walter J. Hayes	1921-1923	1	Wayne
George M. Condon	1925-1926	4	Wayne
Augustus H. Gansser	1927-1929	24	Bay
Norman B. Horton	1931-1932	19	Lenawee
Leon D. Case	1933-1934	7	Berrien
Adolph F. Heidkamp	1935-1936	32	Houghton
William Palmer	1937-1938	13	Genesee
Felix H. H. Flynn	1939	27	Wexford
D. Hale Brake	1941-1942	25	Montcalm
George P. McCallum	1943-1944	12	Washtenaw
Harry F. Hittle	1945-1948, 1953-1956	14	Ingham
Harold D. Tripp	1949-1950	8	Allegan
Don Vander Werp	1951-1952	26	Newaygo
Frank Andrews	1957-1958	29	Montmorency
Charles T. Prescott	1959-1960	28	Ogemaw
Perry W. Greene	1961-1962	16	Kent
John P. Smeckens	1963-1964	9	Branch
John T. Bowman	1965-1966	26	Macomb

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Senator	Session Years	District	County of Residence
Thomas F. Schweigert ¹²	1967-1970	37	Emmet
Milton Zaagman ¹³	1971-1974	32	Kent
L. Harvey Lodge	1974	17	Oakland
John T. Bowman ¹⁴	1975-1977	27	Macomb
Jack Faxon	1977-1982	7	Wayne
Jackie Vaughn III	1983	3	Wayne
Harry A. DeMaso	1984-1986	20	Calhoun
Nick Smith	1987-	19	Hillsdale

¹The president pro tem acts as the presiding officer of the state senate in the absence of the president of the senate, the lieutenant governor. Chosen by senate peers, the president pro tem is currently elected at the first session of the quadrennium. When acting as the presiding officer, the powers and duties of the post are defined by the adopted rules of the senate.

²Elected April 20, 1839, last day of the session year.

³Elected April 1, 1840, last day of session year; assumed duties of president of senate when Lieutenant Governor James W. Gordon became acting governor February 24, 1841.

⁴Assumed duties of president of senate when Lieutenant Governor William L. Greenly became acting governor March 4, 1847.

⁵Assumed duties of president of senate when Lieutenant Governor Andrew Parsons became acting governor March 7, 1853.

⁶Assumed duties of president of senate upon resignation of James Birney as lieutenant governor April 3, 1861; died 1861, and succeeded by Henry T. Backus May 8, 1861.

⁷Act 162 of 1861, Laws of Michigan, apportioned a section of Lenawee County into District 10; that same portion of Lenawee County was apportioned as District 8 by Act 220 of 1865, Laws of Michigan.

⁸Resigned March 29, 1872; succeeded by Philip H. Emerson.

⁹Assumed duties of president of senate upon death of Lieutenant Governor James H. MacDonald.

¹⁰Resigned July 3, 1891; succeeded by Aaron B. Brown August 6, 1892.

¹¹Assumed duties of president of senate upon resignation of Lieutenant Governor Alfred Milnas May 31, 1895.

¹²See Opinion of the Attorney General, No. 4625, April 22, 1968, and Act 8 of 1969. Assumed title of president of senate and acting lieutenant governor March 20, 1970.

¹³Resigned January 22, 1974, and succeeded by L. Harvey Lodge.

¹⁴Resigned from Senate February 1, 1977; succeeded by Jack Faxon.

SECRETARIES OF THE STATE SENATE, 1835-1989¹

Session Years	Name and Address	Session Years	Name and Address
1835-1838	John J. Adam, Clinton	1879-1883	Edwin S. Hoskins, Bellevue
1839	Samuel Yorke At Lee, Kalamazoo	1885-1889	Lewis M. Miller, Muskegon
1840-1841	Dan W. Kellogg, Ann Arbor	1891-1892	Alfred J. Murphy, Detroit
1842	Samuel Yorke At Lee, Detroit	1893-1895	Dennis E. Alward, Clare
1843-1844	James E. Platt, Ann Arbor	1897-1900	Charles S. Pierce, Oscoda
1845	Thornton F. Brodhead, Pontiac	1901-1912	Elbert V. Chilson, Lansing
1846-1847	James E. Platt, Ann Arbor	1913-1929	Dennis E. Alward, Clare
1848	John N. Ingersoll, Sault Ste. Marie ²	1931-1932	Fred I. Chase, Lansing
	Charles Smith, Adrian	1933-1934	Don W. Canfield, Detroit
1849	William L. Bancroft, Port Huron	1935-1961	Fred I. Chase, Lansing ³
1850-1853	Oliver W. Moore, Ann Arbor	1962-1965	Beryl I. Kenyon, Lansing ⁴
1855-1858	Isaac W. Wilder, Ann Arbor	1966	Eugene B. Farnum, Lansing
1859-1862	Aaron B. Turner, Grand Rapids	1967-1975	Beryl I. Kenyon, Lansing
1863-1864	William A. Bryce, Bay City	1975-1979	Billie S. Farnum, Lansing ⁵
1865-1867	Thomas H. Glenn, Niles	1979-1986	William C. Kandler, Lansing
1869-1872	Henry S. Sleeper, Galesburg	1987-	Willis H. Snow, Lansing
1873-1877	James H. Stone, Kalamazoo		

¹The position of secretary of the senate is an elective one, by members of the senate, currently at the commencement of each quadrennium of the legislature. The powers and duties of the post are defined by the adopted rules of the senate, which govern the day-to-day operations of that house.

²Resigned January 5, 1848; succeeded by Charles Smith January 21, 1848.

³Resigned December 31, 1961; succeeded by Beryl I. Kenyon January 11, 1962.

⁴Resigned December 31, 1965; succeeded by Eugene B. Farnum.

⁵Elected pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 190, June 30, 1975; died November 18, 1979; succeeded by William C. Kandler December 6, 1979.