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### SECRETARIES OF THE SENATE

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Regular	Special				
2011		David A. Byerman	1	Las Vegas, Clark County	Elected Secretary of the Senate, 2011. Appointed by Senate Majority Leader, 2010.
	2010	Claire J. Clift	15 (5 regular, 10 special)	Carson City	Elected Secretary of the Senate, 2001–2010 Special Session. Appointed Secretary of the Senate, 2000. Media Clerk, 1997, 1999. Alternate Committee Secretary, 1989. Clerical Services, 1987. Native Nevadan, born in Reno, Washoe County.
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2001		Janice L. Thomas	11 (9 regular, 2 special)	Carson City	Inducted as an Honorary Member of the Senate Hall of Fame, 2001. Elected and declared as Secretary of Senate, 1983–1999. Assistant Secretary of Senate, 1981. Native Nevadan, born in McGill, White Pine County.
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1981		Leola H. Armstrong	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>19</b> (13 regular, 6 special)</p> <p>16 as Leola H. Armstrong (11 regular, 5 special)</p> <p>3 as Leola H. Wohlfeil (2 regular, 1 special)</p>	Carson City	<p>Inducted as an Honorary Member of the Senate Hall of Fame, 1995. Elected and declared Secretary of Senate, 1958–1981. Assistant Secretary of Senate, 1956, 1957. Minute Clerk, 1953, 1954 Special Session, 1955. Native Nevadan, born in Lovelock, Pershing County.</p>
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1960		Leola H. Wohlfeil		Reno, Washoe County	
1959				Carson City, Ormsby County*	
	1958			Reno, Washoe County	
1957		Herbert E. Rowntree	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2</b> (1 regular, 1 special)</p>	Smith, Lyon County	<p>Elected and declared Secretary of Senate. Assistant Secretary of Senate, 1955. Assemblyman, 1951–1954, 1959–1962.</p>
	1956				
1955		R. J. Ingersoll	<b>1</b>	Carson City, Ormsby County*	Elected and declared Secretary of Senate.
	1954	C. A. Carlson, Jr.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b> (3 regular, 1 special)</p>	Carson City, Ormsby County*	<p>Elected by acclamation, 1954 Special Session. Elected and declared Secretary of Senate by President of Senate, 1949–1953.</p>
1953					
1951				Reno, Washoe County	
1949					
1947		Frank Bacigalupi	<b>1</b>	Reno, Washoe County	Elected unanimously.

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1945		Florence Buckingham	2	None listed in Journal	Elected unanimously. Assistant Secretary of Senate, 1935, 1939, 1941, 1947. Enrolling Clerk, 1927, 1931, 1933. Engrossing Clerk, 1929.
1943					
1941		Waite Bruce	1	None listed in Journal	Elected by acclamation.
1939		Ned A. Turner	1	None listed in Journal	Elected by acclamation.
1937		Edward A. Ducker, Jr.	2	None listed in Journal	Elected by acclamation. Assembly Assistant Chief Clerk, 1931.
1935					
1933		V. R. Merialdo	5 (4 regular, 1 special)	None listed in Journal	Elected by acclamation. Assembly Assistant Chief Clerk, 1923. Assembly Journal Clerk, 1921.
1931				At Large	
1929				Eureka County	
	1928			Eureka County	
1927				Eureka County	
	1926	Vivian Rickey	1	None listed in Journal	Appointed Secretary of Senate by President of the Senate. Assistant Secretary of Senate, 1919, 1921, 1923.
1925		R. W. Beaman	1	Lyon County	Elected by acclamation.
1923		George B. Russell	1	Elko County	Elected by acclamation. Assemblyman, 1907–1908, 1913–1914. State Treasurer, 1927–1935.
1921		Theodore R. Hofer	1	Washoe County	Elected by acclamation. Superintendent of U.S. Mint, Carson City, 1892–1895.
	1920	J. E. Richards	1	Ormsby County*	Elected by acclamation.
1919		R. A. McKay	2	Ormsby County*	Elected by acclamation.
1917				White Pine County	
1915		Andrew L. Haight	1	White Pine County	Elected by acclamation. Assemblyman, 1913–1914. Senator, 1943–1946.
1913		George O. Sawyer	1	Lincoln County	Elected by acclamation.
	1912	James D. Finch	2 (1 regular, 1 special)	Ormsby County*	Appointed Secretary of Senate by S.R. No. 1, 1912 Special Session. Elected by acclamation, 1911.
1911					

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1909		W. M. Grimes	1	Tonopah, Nye County	Declared Secretary of Senate by President of Senate.
	1908	George L. Sanford	2 (1 regular, 1 special)	Carson City, Ormsby County*	Appointed Secretary of Senate by S.R. No. 1, 1908 Special Session. Elected unanimously, 1907.
1907					
1905		C. H. McIntosh	2	Lovelock, Humboldt County**	Elected unanimously. Assistant Secretary of Senate, 1901.
1903					
1901		J. L. Considine	1	Virginia City, Storey County	Elected unanimously.
1899		T. J. Osborne	2	Pioche, Lincoln County	Minute Clerk, 1901. Elected by acclamation, 1899. Elected unanimously, 1897.
1897					
1895		A. J. Maestretti	1	Austin, Lander County	Elected unanimously. Assistant Secretary of Senate, 1897.
1893		P. S. Corbett	1	Storey County	Elected unanimously.
1891		George I. Lammon	5 (including 1879, 1881, 1885, and 1887 Regular Sessions)	Virginia City, Storey County	Elected by caucus, unanimously.
1889		Oscar H. Grey	1	Cherry Creek, White Pine County	Elected by acclamation. Assemblyman, 1866, 1873-1874, 1877-1878, 1883-1884. Assembly Speaker pro Tempore, 1873, 1877, 1883. Senator, 1867-1870. Secretary of State, 1891-1895.
1887		George I. Lammon	See 1891	Virginia City, Storey County	Elected by caucus, 1887. Elected by acclamation, 1885. Assistant Secretary of Senate, 1889, 1895.
1885					
1883		John R. Kittrell	1	Reno, Washoe County	Elected by Senate.
1881		George I. Lammon	See 1891	Virginia City, Storey County	Elected by Senate from two nominees, 1881. Elected by acclamation, 1879. Assemblyman, 1867-1870.
1879					
1877		J. G. McClinton	1	Carson City, Ormsby County*	Elected by acclamation. Senator, 1873-1876.
1875		Chauncey N. Noteware	1	Carson City, Ormsby County*	Elected by acclamation. Senator, 1887-1890. Secretary of State, 1864-1871.

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1873		Charles F. Bicknell	2	Carson City, Ormsby County*	Assemblyman, 1891–1892. Assembly Speaker, 1891. Elected by Senate from two nominees. Assistant Secretary of Senate, 1869.
1871				Hamilton, White Pine County	
1869		John Wasson	1	Winnemucca, Humboldt County	Elected by Senate, no other nominees.
	1867	B. C. Brown	2 (1 regular, 1 special)	Virginia City, Storey County	Elected by Senate from two nominees. Minute Clerk, 1866.
1867					
1866		George R. Ammond	1	Carson City, Ormsby County*	Elected by Senate. Assistant Secretary of Senate, 1864–1865.
1864–1865		L. B. Moore	1	Austin, Lander County	Elected by Senate from four nominees.

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\*\* Lovelock became the county seat of Pershing County, which was created out of Humboldt County, in 1909.



### CHIEF CLERKS OF THE ASSEMBLY

YEAR OF SESSION		NAME	TOTAL SESSIONS	HOME TOWN AND/OR COUNTY OF RESIDENCE DURING LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS	NOTES OF INTEREST
Regular	Special				
2011		Susan Furlong Reil	7 6 as Susan Furlong Reil 1 as Susan Furlong (3 regular, 4 special)	Carson City	Declared Chief Clerk by Assembly Speaker, 2007 to present. Appointed Chief Clerk, 2006. Assistant Chief Clerk, 1999. Recording Clerk, 1997. Native Nevadan, born in Carson City.
	2010				
2009					
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	2007				
2007		Nancy S. Tribble	3 (1 regular, 2 special)	Carson City	Declared Chief Clerk by Assembly Speaker, 2004–2005.
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2005					
	2004	Jacqueline Sneddon	7 (3 regular, 4 special)	Carson City	Declared Chief Clerk by Assembly Speaker, unanimously, 1999–2003. Assistant Chief Clerk, 1997.
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	2001				
2001		Linda B. Alden	1	Carson City	Declared Chief Clerk by Assembly Speaker. Assembly Journal Clerk, 1993, 1995. Senate Journal Clerk, 1985, 1987. Senate Minute Clerk, 1984 Special Session. Born in Wyoming, resided in Carson City.
1997					

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Regular	Special				
1995		Mouryne B. Landing	15 (12 regular, 3 special)	Carson City	Inducted into Assembly Wall of Distinction, 2007. Declared Chief Clerk by Assembly Speaker, unanimously, 1973–1995. Assistant Chief Clerk, 1969, 1971. Journal Clerk, 1967, 1968 Special Session. Stenographer, 1965 Special Session, 1965, 1966 Special Session. Born in Utah, resided in Carson City.
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1971		Theresa Loy	2	Carson City	Appointed Chief Clerk. Assistant Chief Clerk, 1965, 1966 Special Session, 1967, 1968 Special Session. Assembly Journal Clerk, 1963, 1964 Special Session, 1965. Senate stenographer, 1961.
1969					
	1968	Nathan T. Hurst	11 (including 1949 Regular Session; 7 regular, 4 special)	Reno, Washoe County	Declared Chief Clerk by Assembly Speaker, unanimously, 1959–1968.
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	1958	Jeff E. Springmeyer	4 (including 1945 and 1947 Regular Sessions and 1954 Special Session; 2 regular, 2 special)	Carson City, Ormsby County*	Declared Chief Clerk by Assembly Speaker.
1957		Cyril O. Bastian	1	Caliente, Lincoln County	Declared Chief Clerk by Assembly Speaker. Assemblyman, 1943–1944, 1949–1956, 1959–1966. Speaker, 1955 and 1956 Special Session.
	1956	Joseph J. Cleary	1	Reno, Washoe County	Declared Chief Clerk by Assembly Speaker.
1955		Keith L. Lee	1	Reno, Washoe County	Declared Chief Clerk by Assembly Speaker. Page, 1964.
	1954	Jeff E. Springmeyer	See 1958	Carson City, Ormsby County*	Declared Chief Clerk by Assembly Speaker, 1954.
1953		Frank E. Rosaschi	2	Reno, Washoe County	Elected unanimously by Assembly.
1951					
1949		Nathan T. Hurst	See 1959-1968	Reno, Washoe County	Elected unanimously by Assembly. Assistant Chief Clerk, 1949.
1947		Jeff E. Springmeyer	See 1958	Carson City, Ormsby County*	Legislative Counsel, 1947–1963. Declared Chief Clerk, 1947. Appointed Chief Clerk by Assembly Speaker, 1945. Assistant Chief Clerk, 1943.
1945				Not listed in Journal	
1943		Edwin C. Mulcahy	3	Not listed in Journal	Elected by acclamation. Assemblyman, 1925–1926, 1929–1932.
1941					
1939					
1937		Leonard A. Wilson	2	Reno, Washoe County	Elected unanimously.
1935					
1933		George Brodigan	1	Not listed in Journal	Appointed Chief Clerk by A.R. No. 1.
1931		Fred E. Walts	1	Not listed in Journal	Elected by Assembly from two nominees.
1929		V. M. Henderson	1	Washoe County	Elected unanimously by Assembly.
	1928	John W. Wright	2 (1 regular, 1 special)	Washoe County	Appointed Chief Clerk by A.R. No. 1. Assemblyman, 1905–1906, 1913–1914.
1927					

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	1926	Walter R. Whitacre	1	Lyon County	Inducted into Senate Hall of Fame, 1995. President pro Tempore, 1963, 1964 Special Session. Senate Majority Leader, 1959 and 1961. Senator, 1953–1956. Assemblyman, 1926–1928, 1947–1952. Appointed Chief Clerk by A.R. No. 1. Assistant Chief Clerk, 1925. Journal Clerk, 1923.
1925		Herman Wise	1	White Pine County	Declared Chief Clerk by Assembly Speaker.
1923		J. H. Causten	3 (2 regular, 1 special)	Pershing County	Declared Chief Clerk by Assembly Speaker.
1921		Dan E. Morton	3 (2 regular, 1 special)	Ormsby County*	Elected by acclamation.
	1920	J. H. Causten	See 1923	Humboldt County	Declared Chief Clerk by Assembly Speaker.
1919					
1917		H. W. Edwards	1	White Pine County	Declared Chief Clerk by Assembly Speaker.
1915		H. R. Mack	1	Douglas County	Declared Chief Clerk by Assembly Speaker.
1913		W. L. Hacker	1	Washoe County	Elected by Assembly. Assemblyman, 1911–1912.
	1912	Dan E. Morton	See 1921	Ormsby County*	Elected by acclamation.
1911					
1909		Harry J. Coogan	1	Goldfield, Esmeralda County	Elected by acclamation.
	1908	George A. Cole	2 (1 regular, 1 special)	Goldfield, Esmeralda County	Elected by Assembly. State Controller, 1915–1927. Assemblyman, 1905–1906, 1913–1914.
1907				Tonopah, Nye County	
1905		H. E. Freudenthal	1	Pioche, Lincoln County	Elected by caucus. Senator, 1901–1904.
1903		J. A. Clark	1	Pioche, Lincoln County	Elected by acclamation. Assemblyman, 1905–1906.
1901		E. L. Bingham	1	Tuscarora, Elko County	Elected by acclamation.

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1899		Nate W. Roff	2	Reno, Washoe County	Senator, 1903–1906. Appointed by acclamation, 1899. Elected by acclamation, 1897. Minute Clerk, 1889.
1897					
1895		Thad L. Hoppin	1	Paradise, Humboldt County	Elected unanimously. Assemblyman, 1893–1894.
1893		P. M. Bowler, Jr.	1	Esmeralda County	Elected by acclamation.
1891		A. C. Pratt	1	Carson City, Ormsby County*	Elected by acclamation. Assemblyman, 1883–1884.
1889		C. M. Fassett	2	Reno, Washoe County	Elected by acclamation. Assemblyman, 1885–1886.
1887				Ruby Hill, Eureka County	
1885		George H. Morrison	1	Carson City, Ormsby County*	Elected by acclamation. Assemblyman, 1873–1874.
1883		R. L. Thomas	1	Virginia City, Storey County	Assistant Chief Clerk, 1887. Elected by acclamation.
1881		Robert E. Lowery	1	Virginia City, Storey County	Elected by acclamation. Assistant Secretary of Senate, 1877. Assemblyman, 1871–1872. Born in Louisiana.
1879		J. M. Woodworth	2	Tuscarora, Elko County	Elected by Assembly, only nominee. Assemblyman, 1869–1870.
1877				Carlin, Elko County	
1875		Andrew Whitford	5 (including 1867 and 1869 Regular Sessions and 1867 Special Session; 4 regular, 1 special)	Genoa, Douglas County	Elected by Assembly from two nominees, 1875. Elected by acclamation, 1873.
1873					
1871		George W. Cassidy	1	Hamilton, White Pine County	Inducted into Senate Hall of Fame, 2001. U.S. Congressman, 1881–1885. Senator, 1873–1880. President pro Tempore, 1877. Elected by Assembly from two nominees. Born in Kentucky.

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1869		Andrew Whitford	See 1873-1875	Carson City, Ormsby County*	Elected by acclamation, 1867 Special Session, 1869. Elected by Assembly from two nominees, 1867.
	1867			Virginia City, Storey County	
1867					
1866		U. E. Allen	2	Carson City, Ormsby County*	Elected unanimously by Assembly. Clerk of the Territorial House of Representatives. Assemblyman, 1879-1880. Speaker pro Tempore, 1879.
1864-1865					
1864-1865		W. M. Gillispie	9 days	Storey County	Resigned over salary dispute, December 20, 1864. Elected by Assembly, December 12, 1864.

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