

PERSONS APPOINTED TO FILL VACANCIES IN THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE (1869–2019)¹

Article 4, Section 12 of the *Nevada Constitution* states how a vacancy in the office of a state legislator is filled. Specifically, it provides, “In case of the death or resignation of any member of the legislature, either senator or assemblyman, the county commissioners of the county from which such member was elected shall appoint a person of the same political party as the party which elected such senator or assemblyman to fill such vacancy” These provisions do not apply if a regular election, at which county officers will be elected, takes place between the vacancy and the next session of the legislature.

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1869 (4 th)	M. S. Hurd (U)	Senator C. Carpenter (U)	Senate – Lyon County	Jan. 4, 1869 ³	Carpenter’s seat was declared vacant for nonresidency on Jan. 5, 1869.
1927 (33 rd)	John Harvey Miller (R)	Senator Fred W. Fall (R)	Senate – Mineral County	Prior to Session	Fall moved from the state prior to the 1927 Session.
	John A. Houlahan (D)	Senator Thomas H. Hayes (D)	Senate – Esmeralda County	Feb. 24, 1927	Hayes died in office on Feb. 15, 1927.
1928 Special Session (6 th)	J. A. (Alex) Molini (D)	Senator John A. Houlahan (D)	Senate – Esmeralda County	Prior to Special Session	Houlahan resigned prior to the 1928 Special Session.
1935 (37 th)	Frances G. Friedhoff (D)	Senator George W. Friedhoff (D)	Senate – Lyon County	Mar. 1935	George Friedhoff resigned on Mar. 12, 1935. Frances and George were married.
1939 (39 th)	Charles F. Wittenberg (D)	Senator William A. (Bill) Marsh (D)	Senate – Nye County	Aug. 9, 1938	Marsh died in office on June 15, 1938.
	John W. Oldham (D)	Assemblyman-elect W. A. Reinken (D)	Assembly – Elko County	Jan. 5, 1939	Reinken resigned prior to the 1939 Session.
	Charles Lee Horsey (D)	Senator-elect L. Richard (Dick) Arnold (D)	Senate – Clark County	Jan. 10, 1939	Arnold resigned on Jan. 2, 1939.
1941 (40 th)	Archie C. Grant (D)	Senator Charles Lee Horsey (D)	Senate – Clark County	Oct. 28, 1940	Horsey resigned on July 29, 1940.

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1941 (40 th) cont'd	John A. Kelly (D)	Assemblyman-elect Berkeley Lloyd Bunker (D)	Assembly – Clark County	Prior to Session	Bunker resigned on Nov. 27, 1940, due to his appointment to the U.S. Senate.
	James A. Caughman (R)	Senator John Harvey Miller (R)	Senate – Mineral County	Mar. 10, 1941	Miller died in office on Mar. 4, 1941.
1943 (41 st)	Archie C. Grant (D)	Assemblyman-elect Patrick Cline (D)	Assembly – Clark County	Jan. 14, 1943	Cline resigned on Jan. 14, 1943.
	Herman D. Budelman (D)	Senator Charles F. Wittenberg (D)	Senate – Nye County	Jan. 15, 1943	Wittenberg resigned prior to the 1943 session.
1945 (42 nd)	Martha C. Woolridge (R)	Assemblyman Clyde Rufus Terrell (R)	Assembly – Nye County	Feb. 5, 1945	Terrell resigned on Feb. 2, 1945.
1947 (43 rd)	William H. Rowe (R)	Senator Charles Hinton Russell (R)	Senate – White Pine County	Jan. 6, 1947	Russell resigned in 1946 after his election to the U.S. House of Representatives.
1951 (45 th)	Charles D. Keough (R)	Assemblyman James C. Perkins (R)	Assembly – Nye County	Jan. 1951	Perkins resigned on Jan. 24, 1951.
	Oscar D. Jepson (D)	Assemblyman Archie L. Cross (D)	Assembly – Washoe County	Feb. 23, 1951	Cross resigned on Feb. 21, 1951.
See note	John R. (Jack) McCloskey (R)	Senator Loyd Wilson (R)	Senate – Mineral County	July 1951	Wilson resigned in July 1951. McCloskey never served; with no upcoming session, it was later determined that the county commissioners did not have the authority to fill the vacancy. (<i>Nevada Constitution</i> , Article 4, Section 12)

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1954 Special Session (7 th)	Fronica E. Castle (R)	Assemblyman Douglas A. Castle (R)	Assembly – Elko County	Prior to Special Session	Douglas Castle resigned prior to the 1954 Special Session. Fronica and Douglas were married.
	Glenn H. Jones (D)	Assemblyman Robert A. Revert (D)	Assembly – Nye County	Prior to Special Session	Revert resigned prior to the 1954 Special Session.
1955 (47 th)	Oscar D. Jepson (D)	Assemblyman-elect Elmer G. Tumbleson (D)	Assembly – Washoe County	Jan. 20, 1955	Tumbleson died on Jan. 14, 1955, before taking office.
	John H. (Jack) Murray (R)	Assemblyman Baptista M. Tognoni (R)	Assembly – Eureka County	Feb. 8, 1955	Tognoni died in office on Feb. 3, 1955.
	W. G. (Glenn) Emminger (R)	Senator Harry A. Munk (R)	Senate – Pershing County	Feb. 12, 1955	Munk died in office on Feb. 6, 1955.
1956 Special Session (8 th)	Errett Lobban (E.L.) Cord (D)	Senator Harry D. Wiley (D)	Senate – Esmeralda County	Prior to Special Session	Wiley died in office on June 15, 1955.
	Bruce M. Parks (D)	Assemblyman Keith Lloyd Mount (D)	Assembly – Mineral County	Prior to Special Session	Mount resigned prior to the 1956 Special Session.
1958 Special Session (9 th)	Assemblyman Henry G. Carlson (D)	Senator Errett Lobban (E. L.) Cord (D)	Senate – Esmeralda County	Prior to Special Session	Cord resigned prior to the 1958 Special Session.
	Carl F. Dodge (D)	Ralph W. Lattin (D)	Senate – Churchill County	Prior to Special Session	Lattin resigned prior to the 1958 Special Session.
	Rita Collins (D)	Assemblyman Lavern M. Hose (D)	Assembly – White Pine County	Prior to Special Session	Hose resigned prior to the 1958 Special Session.
	Harold E. Fitz (D)	Assemblyman LeRoy C. (Roy) Schank (D)	Assembly – Churchill County	Prior to Special Session	Schank resigned prior to the 1958 Special Session.
	Harvey R. Humphrey (D)	Assemblyman Henry G. Carlson (D)	Assembly – Esmeralda County	Prior to Special Session	Carlson was appointed to the Senate.
	James E. Wood (R)	Assemblyman Thomas M. Kean (R)	Assembly – Washoe County	Prior to Special Session	Kean resigned prior to the 1958 Special Session.
1960 (50 th)	Ray A. Crosby (D)	Oscar D. Jepson (D)	Assembly – Washoe County	Prior to Session	Jepson died in office on Sep. 27, 1959.

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1960 (50 th) cont'd	William R. Rand (R)	Senator John H. (Jack) Murray (R)	Senate – Eureka County	Prior to Session	Murray resigned on Dec. 7, 1959.
	Rene Watt Lemaire (R)	Senator Edwin T. Lauritzen (R)	Senate – Lander County	Jan. 6, 1960	Lauritzen died in office on Dec. 18, 1959.
1964 Special Session (10 th)	Donald R. Mello (D)	Assemblyman Chester S. (Chet) Christensen (D)	Assembly – Washoe County	Dec. 26, 1963	Christensen resigned on June 12, 1963.
	Geraldine B. Tyson (D)	Assemblyman LaFayette Everette (Ty) Tyson (D)	Assembly – Clark County	Jan. 1964	Ty Tyson died in office on Sep. 21, 1963. Geraldine and Ty were married.
1965 Special Session (11 th)	Farrell L. SeEVERS (D)	Bruce M. Parks (D)	Senate – Mineral County	Prior to Special Session	Parks resigned prior to the 1965 Special Session.
	G. Joe Viani (D)	Assemblyman Peter P. Rosaschi (D)	Assembly – Mineral County	Prior to Special Session	Rosaschi resigned prior to the 1965 Special Session.
1968 Special Session (13 th)	Assemblyman Leonard H. (Len) Harris (R)	Senator James C. Bailey (R)	Senate – Reno, North Lake Tahoe, Verdi, and Storey County	Prior to Special Session	Bailey resigned prior to the 1968 Special Session.
	Cornelius W. (Corky) Lingenfelter (R)	Assemblyman Leonard H. (Len) Harris (R)	Assembly – Reno, North Lake Tahoe, Verdi, and Storey County	Prior to Special Session	Harris was appointed to the Senate.
	Angelo D. Petrini (D)	Assemblyman Clinton E. Wooster (D)	Assembly – Reno, North Lake Tahoe, Verdi, and Storey County	Prior to Special Session	Wooster resigned prior to the 1968 Special Session.
1971 (56 th)	Lee E. Walker (D)	Senator Marvin L. White (D)	Senate – Clark, No. 2	Dec. 7, 1970	White resigned on Dec. 1, 1970.
1977 (59 th)	Marian I. Howard (R)	Assemblyman Melvin B. (Bode) Howard (R)	Assembly – Eureka, Humboldt, and Lander Counties, and Carlin Township of Elko County, No. 34	May 1977	Bode Howard died in office on Apr. 23, 1977. Marian and Bode were married.

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1979 (60 th)	Marcus Hulings (Mike) Sloan (D)	Senator Richard Hudson (Dick) Bryan (D)	Senate – Clark, No. 3	Nov. 30, 1978	Bryan resigned on Nov. 27, 1978, after his election as Attorney General.
1981 (61 st)	Assemblyman Virgil M. Getto (R)	Senator Carl F. Dodge (R)	Senate – Western Nevada Senatorial District	Dec. 2, 1980	Dodge resigned in Nov. 1980 to serve on the Nevada Gaming Commission.
	Ira Victor Rackley (R)	Assemblyman Virgil M. Getto (R)	Assembly – Pershing County (part), Churchill County, No. 37	Dec. 10, 1980	Getto was appointed to the Senate.
1984 Special Session (15 th)	Marcus Hulings (Mike) Sloan (D)	Senator Floyd R. Lamb (D)	Senate – Clark, No. 5	Prior to Special Session	Lamb resigned on Sep. 26, 1983.
	Steve McGinty (D)	Assemblyman Edward J. Kovacs (D)	Assembly – Clark, No. 1	Prior to Special Session	Kovacs resigned prior to the 1984 Special Session.
1987 (64 th)	Herbert M. Jones (D)	Senator James Hubert (Jim) Bilbray (D)	Senate – Clark, No. 7	Dec. 26, 1986	Bilbray resigned in Dec. 1986 after his election to the U.S. House of Representatives.
1989 Special Session (16 th)	Fon J. Warburton (D)	Assemblyman James J. (Jim) Banner (D)	Assembly – Clark, No. 11	Sep. 1989	Banner resigned on Sep. 1, 1989.
	Margaret E. (Peggy) O’Neill (D)	Senator Donald Ray Mello (D)	Senate – Washoe, No. 2	Oct. 1989	Mello resigned effective midnight on Sep. 30, 1989.
1991 (66 th)	Stephanie S. Tyler (R)	Senator Sue Wagner (R)	Senate – Washoe, No. 3	Prior to Session	Wagner resigned on Jan. 7, 1991, after her election as Lieutenant Governor.
	Dawn Gibbons (R)	Assemblyman James A. (Jim) Gibbons (R)	Assembly – Washoe, No. 23	Jan. 22, 1991	Jim Gibbons resigned on Nov. 17, 1991. He was called to active duty in the Gulf War. Dawn Gibbons resigned on Apr. 16, 1991. Jim Gibbons was reinstated on Apr. 16, 1991. Dawn and Jim were married.
1995 (68 th)	O. C. Lee (D)	Senator Matthew Q. Callister (D)	Senate – Clark, No. 8	Jan. 17, 1995	Callister resigned on Jan. 12, 1995.

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2002 Special Session (18 th)	Christine A. Milburn (R)	Senator Jon C. Porter, Sr. (R)	Senate – Clark, No. 1	Prior to Special Session	Porter resigned on June 19, 2002.
	Jesse Paulk (R)	Senator Mark A. James (R)	Senate – Clark, No. 8	Prior to Special Session	James resigned on May 21, 2002.
2010 Special Session (26 th)	Stan R. Olsen (R)	Senator Warren B. Hardy, II (R)	Senate – Clark, No. 12	Feb. 23, 2010	Hardy resigned on June 16, 2009.
2011 (76 th)	Greg Brower (R)	Senator William John (Bill) Raggio (R)	Senate – Washoe, No. 3	Jan. 18, 2011	Raggio resigned on Jan. 15, 2011.
2013 (77 th)	Lesley E. Cohen (D)	Assemblywoman April Mastroluca (D)	Assembly District 29, Clark (part)	Dec. 18, 2012	Mastroluca resigned on Nov. 30, 2012.
	Tyrone Thompson (D)	Assemblyman Steven J. Brooks (D)	Assembly District 17, Clark (part)	Apr. 16, 2013	Brooks was expelled from office on Mar. 28, 2013.
2015 (78 th)	Mark A. Lipparelli (R)	Senator Mark A. Hutchison (R)	Senate District 6, Clark (part)	Dec. 2, 2014	Hutchison resigned on Dec. 1, 2014, after his election as Lieutenant Governor.
	Glenn E. Trowbridge (R)	Assemblyman Wesley Duncan (R)	Assembly District 37, Clark (part)	Dec. 16, 2014	Duncan resigned on Dec. 4, 2014.
	Amber Joiner (D)	Assemblyman David P. Bobzien (D)	Assembly District 24, Washoe (part)	Dec. 30, 2014	Bobzien resigned on Dec. 3, 2014, upon appointment to the Reno City Council.
2016 Special Session (30 th)	Jesse James Haw (R)	Senator Greg Brower (R)	Senate District 15, Washoe (part)	Sep. 27, 2016	Brower resigned on Feb. 20, 2016.
	Julia Ratti (D)	Senator Debbie Smith (D)	Senate District 13, Washoe (part)	Sep. 27, 2016	Smith died in office on Feb. 21, 2016.
	Dominic Brunetti (R)	Assemblyman Patrick T. (Pat) Hickey (R)	Assembly District 25, Washoe (part)	Sep. 27, 2016	Hickey resigned on Jan. 12, 2016, upon his appointment to the State Board of Education.
	Kyle James Stephens (R)	Assemblyman Erven T. Nelson (R)	Assembly District 1, Clark (part)	Sep. 30, 2016	Nelson resigned on Feb. 10, 2016.

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2016 Special Session (30 th) cont'd	Stephanie S. Smith (D)	Assemblywoman Marilyn Kirkpatrick (D)	Assembly District 5, Clark (part)	Sep. 30, 2016	Kirkpatrick resigned on Aug. 19, 2015.
2017 (79 th)	Yvanna D. Cancela (D)	Senator Ruben J. Kihuen (D)	Senate District 10, Clark (part)	Dec. 6, 2016	Kihuen resigned on Nov. 16, 2016, after his election to the U.S. House of Representatives.
2019 (80 th)	Assemblyman Chris Brooks (D)	Senator Richard (Tick) Segerblom (D)	Senate District 3, Clark (part)	Dec. 4, 2018	Segerblom resigned on Dec. 3, 2018, after his election to the Clark County Commission.
	Dallas Harris (D)	Senator Aaron D. Ford (D)	Senate District 11, Clark (part)	Dec. 4, 2018	Ford resigned on Dec. 3, 2018, after his election as Attorney General.
	Gregory T. Hafen, II (R)	Assemblyman-elect Dennis Hof (R)	Assembly District 36, Clark (part), Lincoln (part), Nye (part)	Dec. 7, 2018	Hof died on Oct. 16, 2018, prior to the election.
	Beatrice (Bea) Duran (D)	Assemblywoman Olivia Diaz (D)	Assembly District 11, Clark (part)	Dec. 18, 2018	Diaz resigned on Dec. 3, 2018.
	Rochelle T. Nguyen (D)	Assemblyman Chris Brooks (D)	Assembly District 10, Clark (part)	Dec. 18, 2018	Brooks was appointed to the Senate on Dec. 4, 2018, and resigned from the Assembly on Dec. 5, 2018.
	Marcia L. Washington (D)	Senator Kelvin D. Atkinson (D)	Senate District 4, Clark (part)	Mar. 15, 2019	Atkinson resigned on Mar. 5, 2019.
	Greg Smith (D)	Assemblyman Michael C. Sprinkle (D)	Assembly District 30, Washoe (part)	Mar. 26, 2019	Sprinkle resigned on Mar. 14, 2019.

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¹ Records prior to 1945 are incomplete. There may have been other appointments that are not included here.

² D=Democratic Party, R=Republican Party, and U=Union Party.

³ The Research Library has no official record of Hurd's appointment; however, he took the oath of office on Jan. 4, 1869. Carpenter's seat was officially declared vacant one day later, on Jan. 5, 1869.