



Fact Sheet

LEGISLATORS APPOINTED TO FILL VACANCIES IN THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE (1945–2016)

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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.

YEAR	SENATE	ASSEMBLY
1945		Martha C. Woolridge, Nye County
1947	W. H. Rowe, White Pine County	
1951	Jack McCloskey, Mineral County ¹	Oscar D. Jepson, Washoe County Charles D. Keough, Nye County
1954		Fronica E. Castle, Elko County Glenn H. Jones, Nye County
1955	W. G. Emminger, Pershing County	Oscar D. Jepson, Washoe County John H. Murray, Eureka County
1956	E. L. Cord, Esmeralda County	Bruce M. Parks, Mineral County
1958	Henry G. Carlson, Esmeralda County Carl F. Dodge, Churchill County	Rita Collins, White Pine County Harold E. Fitz, Churchill County Harvey Humphrey, Esmeralda County James E. Wood, Washoe County
1959	Rene W. Lemaire, Lander County William R. Rand, Eureka County	Ray A. Crosby, Washoe County
1963		Donald R. Mello, Washoe County Geraldine B. Tyson, Clark County
1965	Farrell L. Seevers, Mineral County	Joe Viani, Mineral County

¹Appointed, but did not serve during a regular or special session.

YEAR	SENATE	ASSEMBLY
1968	Leonard H. Harris, Reno, North Lake Tahoe, Verdi, and Storey County	C. W. Lingenfelter, Reno, North Lake Tahoe, Verdi, and Storey County Angelo D. Petrini, Reno, North Lake Tahoe, Verdi, and Storey County
1977		Marion Howard, Eureka, Humboldt, and Lander Counties, and Carlin Township of Elko County
1979	M. H. (Mike) Sloan, Clark, No. 3	
1981	Virgil M. Getto, Western Nevada Senatorial District	Ira V. Rackley, Pershing County (part), Churchill County, No. 37
1984	M. H. (Mike) Sloan, Clark, No. 5	Steve McGinty, Clark, No. 1
1989	Margaret E. (Peggy) O'Neill, Washoe, No. 2	Fon J. Warburton, Clark, No. 11
1991	Stephanie S. Tyler, Washoe, No. 3	T. Dawn Gibbons, Washoe, No. 23
1995	O. C. Lee, Clark, No. 8	
2002	Christine Milburn, Clark, No. 1 Jesse Paulk, Clark, No. 8	
2010	Stan Olsen, Clark, No. 12	
2011	Greg Brower, Washoe, No. 3	
2012		Lesley E. Cohen, Assembly District No. 29, Clark County (part)
2013		Tyrone Thompson, Assembly District No. 17, Clark County (part)
2014	Mark A. Lipparelli, Senate District No. 6, Clark County (part)	Amber Joiner, Assembly District No. 24, Washoe County (part) Glenn E. Trowbridge, Assembly District No. 37, Clark County (part)
2016	Yvanna D. Cancela, Senate District No. 10, Clark (part) Jesse Haw, Senate District No. 15, Washoe (part) Julia Ratti, Senate District No. 13, Washoe (part)	Dominic Brunetti, Assembly District No. 25, Washoe (part) Stephanie S. Smith, Assembly District No. 1, Clark (part) Kyle J. Stephens, Assembly District No. 5, Clark (part)