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| Regular | Special | | | | |
| 2017 | | Claire J. Clift | 19 (7 regular, 12 special) | Carson City | Elected Secretary of the Senate, 2015 to present. Appointed by Senate Majority Leader, 2014. |
| | 2016 | | | | |
| | 2015 | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | |
| | 2014 | David A. Byerman | 4 (2 regular, 2 special) | Las Vegas, Clark County | Elected Secretary of the Senate, 2011–2014. Appointed by Senate Majority Leader, 2010. |
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| | 2010 | Claire J. Clift | See 2017 | 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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| Regular | Special | | | | |
| 1999 | | 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 | 19 (13 regular, 6 special) 16 as Leola H. Armstrong (11 regular, 5 special) 3 as Leola H. Wohlfeil (2 regular, 1 special) | Carson City | 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. |
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| 1960 | | Leola H. Wohlfeil | | Reno, Washoe County | |
| 1959 | | | | Carson City, Ormsby County* | |
| | 1958 | | | Reno, Washoe County | |

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| 1957 | | Herbert E. Rowntree | 2 (1 regular, 1 special) | Smith, Lyon County | Elected and declared Secretary of Senate. Assistant Secretary of Senate, 1955. Assemblyman, 1951–1954, 1959–1962. |
| | 1956 | | | | |
| 1955 | | R. J. Ingersoll | 1 | Carson City, Ormsby County* | Elected and declared Secretary of Senate. |
| | 1954 | C. A. Carlson, Jr. | 4 (3 regular, 1 special) | Carson City, Ormsby County* | Elected by acclamation, 1954 Special Session. |
| 1953 | | | | Reno, Washoe County | Elected and declared Secretary of Senate by President of Senate, 1949–1953. |
| 1951 | | | | | |
| 1949 | | | | | |
| 1947 | | Frank Bacigalupi | 1 | Reno, Washoe County | Elected unanimously. |
| 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 | |

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| 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 | | | | | |
| 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. |
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| 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. |
| 1873 | | Charles F. Bicknell | 2 | Carson City, Ormsby County* | Assemblyman, 1891–1892. Assembly Speaker, 1891. |
| 1871 | | | | Hamilton, White Pine County | Elected by Senate from two nominees. Assistant Secretary of Senate, 1869. |
| 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

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| 2017 | | Susan Furlong | 14 8 as Susan Furlong 6 as Susan Furlong Reil (6 regular, 8 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. |
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| | 2005 | Nancy S. Tribble | 3 (1 regular, 2 special) | Carson City | Declared Chief Clerk by Assembly Speaker, 2004–2005. |
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| | 2003 | 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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| 1999 | | 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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| 1995 | | Mouryne B. Landing | 15 (12 regular, 3 special) | Carson City | <p>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.</p> |
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| 1971 | | Theresa Loy | 2 | Carson City | <p>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.</p> |
| 1969 | | | | | |
| | 1968 | Nathan T. Hurst | 11 (including 1949 Regular Session; 7 regular, 4 special) | Reno, Washoe County | <p>Declared Chief Clerk by Assembly Speaker, unanimously, 1959–1968.</p> |
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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. |
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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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