

Table 3.7
HOUSE/ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS: METHODS OF SELECTION

State or other jurisdiction	Speaker	Speaker pro tem	Majority leader	Assistant majority leader	Majority floor leader	Assistant majority floor leader	Majority whip	Majority caucus chair	Minority leader	Assistant minority leader	Minority floor leader	Assistant minority floor leader	Minority whip	Minority caucus chair
Alabama	EH	EH	EC	...	...	...	EC	EC	EC	...	...	...	EC	EC
Alaska	EH	...	EC	...	...	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC
Arizona	EH	AS	EC	...	...	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC
Arkansas	EH	AS	EC	...	...	AS	AS	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC	EC
California	EH	AS	...	...	AS	...	AS	EC	EC	...	AL	...	EC	AL
Colorado (a)	EH	AS	EC	EC (b)	...	...	AS	AS	EC	AL	...	...	EC	AL
Connecticut (b)	EH	...	EC	EC (b)	...	...	AS	AS	EC	AL	...	...	EC	AL
Delaware	EH	...	EC	...	...	...	AS	AS	EC	EC	...	...	EC	AL
Florida	EH	EH	EC	AS (ee)	...	...	AS (ee)	EC	EC	EC (ee)	AL	...	AL (ee)	AL (ee)
Georgia	EH	EH	EC	...	...	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC
Hawaii (c)	EH	EH (d)	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC
Idaho	EH	...	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC
Illinois	EH	...	AS	AS (e)	...	...	...	AS (e)	EC	(e)	...	...	...	AL (e)
Indiana	EH	AL	EC	AL	AL	...	AL	AL	EC	AL	EC	...	AL	AL
Iowa	EH	EH	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	...	EC	...
Kansas (f)	EH	EH	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC
Kentucky (g)	EH	EH	...	...	...	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC
Louisiana	EH	EH	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC
Maine (bb)	EH	AS (h)	EC (h)	EC (h)	(h)	...	(h)	(h)	EC (h)	EC (h)	(h)	...	(h)	(h)
Maryland (cc)	EH	EH (i)	AS (j)	AS (j)	AS	...	AS	(k)	EC (l)	EC (l)	EC (l)	...	EC (l)	(k)
Massachusetts	EC	...	AS	AS	...	...	EC	EC	AL	AL	...	...	EC	EC
Michigan (o)	EH	EH	...	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC
Minnesota	EH	AS	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC	AL	AL	...	...	EC	EC
Mississippi	EH	EH	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC
Missouri (ff)	EH	EH	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC
Montana	EH	EH	...	...	...	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC
Nevada (gg)	EH	EH	EC	AS (dd)	EC	...	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC	EC	...
New Hampshire	EH	EH	AS (d)	MA	MA	MA	MA	MA	AS	MI	MI	MI	MI	MI
New Jersey	EH	EH	MA	MA	MA	MA	MA	MA	MA	MI	MI	MI	MI	MI
New Mexico	EH	...	EC	EC (m)	EC (m)	...	EC	EC	EC	EC (m)	EC (m)	...	EC	EC
New York (p)	EH	AS	AS	AS	(p)	...	AS	AS	EC	AL	...	...	AL	AL (q)
North Carolina	EH	EH	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC
North Dakota	EH	EH	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC
Ohio (r)	EH (k)	EH	EC	EH	EH	...	EH	EH	EH (k)	EH	...	...	EH	...
Oklahoma	EH	EH	AS	AS	AS	...	AS	AS	EC	EC	AL	...	AL	EC
Oregon	EH	EH	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC
Pennsylvania	EH	EH	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC
Rhode Island	EH	EH	EC	AL	AL	...	AL	AL	AL	AL	...	...	AL	...
South Carolina	EH	EH	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	...	EC	...
South Dakota	EH	EH	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC
Tennessee	EH	EH	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC
Texas	EH	AS	EC	EC (s)	EC	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC (s)	...	EC	EC (s)
Utah	EH	AS	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC
Vermont	EH	...	EC	EC	(t)	(t)	(t)	(t)	EC	EC	(t)	(t)	(t)	(t)

See footnotes at end of table.

HOUSE/ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS: METHODS OF SELECTION — Continued

State or other jurisdiction	Speaker	Speaker pro tem	Minority leader	Assistant minority leader	Minority floor leader	Assistant minority floor leader	Minority whip	Minority caucus chair	Minority leader	Assistant minority leader	Minority floor leader	Assistant minority floor leader	Minority whip	Minority caucus chair
Virginia (a).....	EH	EH	EC (v)	EC (v)	EC (v)	EC (w)	EC	EC	EC (w)	EC	EC (w)	EC	AL	EC
Washington.....	EH	EH	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	AL	EC
West Virginia.....	EH	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
Wisconsin.....	EH (x)	EH (x)	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC
Wyoming.....	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH
Dist. of Columbia.....	EH	EH (d)	EH (d)	EH (d)	EH (d)	EH (d)	EH (d)	EH (d)	EH (d)	EH (d)	EH (d)	EH (d)	EH (d)	EH (d)
American Samoa.....	EH (y)	EH (y)	EH (z)	EH (z)	EH (z)	EH (z)	EH (z)	EH (z)	EH (z)	EH (z)	EH (z)	EH (z)	EH (z)	EH (z)
Guam.....	EH (k)	EH (k)	EH (aa)	EH (aa)	EH (aa)	EH (aa)	EH (aa)	EH (aa)	EH (aa)	EH (aa)	EH (aa)	EH (aa)	EH (aa)	EH (aa)
No. Mariana Islands.....	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH
Puerto Rico.....	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH
U.S. Virgin Islands.....	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH	EH

Source: The Council of State Governments' survey, January 2017 and state websites 2017.

Note: In some states, the leadership positions in the House are not empowered by the law or by the rules of the chamber, but rather by the party members themselves.

Key:

- EH — Elected or confirmed by all members of the House.
- EC — Elected by party caucus.
- AS — Appointed by speaker.
- AL — Appointed by party leader.
- MA — Elected by majority party.
- MI — Elected by minority party.
- ... — Position does not exist or is not selected on a regular basis.
- (a) Additional positions include deputy majority whip (EC) and assistant majority caucus chair (EC).
- (b) Official titles: speaker pro tem - deputy speaker, assistant majority leader - deputy majority leader.
- (c) Other positions in Hawaii include speaker emeritus, majority policy leader (EC) and minority leader emeritus.
- (d) Official title is deputy speaker. In Hawaii, American Samoa and Puerto Rico, vice speaker.
- (e) The two deputy majority leaders appointed by the speaker are, among eight, assistant majority leader and the two deputy Republican (minority) leaders appointed by the Republican (minority) leader are among the eight assistant leaders.
- (f) Additional positions include minority agenda chair (EC) and minority policy chair (EC).
- (g) In each chamber, the membership elects chief clerk; assistant chief clerk; enrolling clerk; sergeant-at-arms; doorkeeper; janitor; cloakroom keeper; and pages.
- (h) Speaker pro tem each occurrence. Majority leader also serves as majority floor leader; assistant majority leader also serves as assistant majority floor leader and majority whip; minority leader also serves as minority floor leader; assistant minority leader also serves as assistant minority floor leader and minority whip.
- (i) There is also a deputy speaker pro tem.
- (j) Majority leader also serves as majority floor leader. Official title of assistant majority leader is deputy majority leader. There are also an assistant majority floor leader, majority whip, chief deputy majority whips, and deputy majority whips.
- (k) Speaker and minority leader are also caucus chairs.
- (l) Minority leader also serves as the minority floor leader. There are also a minority whip, assistant minority leader, a chief deputy minority whip, an assistant minority whip, and several deputy minority whips.
- (m) Majority leader also serves as majority floor leader; minority leader also serves as minority floor leader.
- (n) Other positions include: two associate speakers pro tempore (EH); majority caucus chair (EC); assistant majority whip (EC); assistant associate minority floor leader (EC); minority assistant caucus chair (EC); assistant minority whip (EC).
- (o) Unicameral legislature; see entries in Table 3.6. "Senate Leadership Positions — Methods of Selection."
- (p) Majority floor leader duties assumed by majority leader. Additional majority positions appointed by the speaker: deputy speaker, assistant speaker, deputy majority leader, deputy majority whip, assistant majority whip, Steering Committee chair, various deputies and assistants, Minority leader voting along conference lines the member with the second highest number of votes; minority floor leader duties are assumed by minority leader pro tem. Additional minority positions appointed by the minority leader: deputy minority leader, assistant minority leader, deputy minority whip, assistant minority whip, various deputies and assistants.
- (q) Official titles: the majority caucus chair is majority conference chair; minority caucus chair is minority conference chair.
- (r) While the entire membership actually votes on the election of leaders, selections generally have been made by the members of each party prior to the date of this formal election. Additional positions include assistant majority whip, the 6th ranking majority leadership position (EH) and assistant minority whip, the 4th ranking minority leadership position (EH).
- (s) Assistant majority leader is known as majority assistant whip; assistant minority floor leader known as minority assistant whip; minority caucus chair known as minority caucus manager.
- (t) Majority leader also serves as majority floor leader; assistant majority leader also serves as assistant majority floor leader and majority whip; minority leader also serves as minority floor leader; assistant minority leader also serves as assistant minority floor leader and minority whip.
- (u) The majority caucus also has a secretary, who is appointed by the speaker; the minority caucus has 2 vice-chairs, 1 vice-chair/treasurer and an interim sergeant-at-arms.
- (v) The title of majority leader is not used in Virginia; the title is majority floor leader.
- (w) The title of minority leader is not used in Virginia; the title is minority floor leader.
- (x) Caucus nominee elected by whole membership.
- (y) Speaker also serves as majority leader.
- (z) Official title is floor leader.
- (aa) Official title is alternate floor leader.
- (bb) Clerk of the House and Assistant Clerk of the House, both elected by the House leadership.
- (cc) There is a parliamentarian for the majority appointed by the Speaker and a minority parliamentarian elected by the minority party caucus.
- (dd) Assistant majority official title is deputy majority leader. Assistant minority leader official title is deputy minority leader. A additional position is deputy majority whip (AS).
- (ee) The position of assistant majority leader is known as deputy majority leader. In addition to a majority whip, deputy whips are also appointed by the speaker. The position of assistant minority leader is known as minority leader pro tem. In addition to a minority whip, deputy whips are appointed by the party leader. There is no minority caucus chair — instead there is a policy chair.
- (ff) Additional positions of minority and majority caucus secretaries (EC).
- (gg) Co-assistant leaders, called deputy majority floor leaders, elected for 2017 session and two minority whips elected for the 2017 session; a chief deputy majority whip and 2 assistant majority whips elected for 2017 session.