

**Table 3.7**  
**HOUSE 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 chairman	Minority leader	Assistant minority leader	Minority floor leader	Assistant minority floor leader	Minority whip	Minority caucus chairman
Alabama	EH	EH	EC	...	...	...	...	...	EC	...	...	...	...	...
Alaska	EH	EC	EC	...	...	...	...	...	EC	...	...	...	EC	...
Arizona*	EH	AS	EC	...	...	...	EC	...	EC	EC	...	...	EC	...
Arkansas	EH	AS	EC	EC	...	...	EC	...	EC	EC	...	...	EC	...
California	EH	AS	...	...	AS	...	...	EC	...	...	EC	...	AL (a)	EC
Colorado	EH	AS	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC
Connecticut	EH	AS/3 (b)	EC	(c)	...	...	AS (c)	...	EC	AL/8 (d)	...	...	AL	...
Delaware	EC (e)	...	EC	...	...	...	EC	...	EC	...	...	...	EC	...
Florida	EH	EH	AS	AS	AS (z)	...	AS	AS (z)	EC	...	AL	AL	AL	EC
Georgia	EH	EH	EC	...	...	...	EC	EC	EC	...	...	...	EC	EC
Hawaii	EH	EH (b)	EC	...	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	...
Idaho	EH	...	EC	EC	...	...	...	EC	EC	EC	...	...	...	EC
Illinois	EH	...	AS	AS/6	AS/2 (g)	...	...	AS (g)	EC	AL/6	AL/2 (g)	...	...	AL (g)
Indiana	EH	AS	...	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	...	EC	(h)	(h)	(h)
Iowa	EH	EH	EC	EC	...	...	...	...	EC	EC	...	...	...	...
Kansas (i)	EH	EH	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC
Kentucky	EH	EH	...	...	EC	...	EC	EC	...	...	EC	...	EC	EC
Louisiana	EH	EH	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maine*	EH	AS (j)	EC (k)	EC (k)	(k)	(k)	...	...	EC (k)	EC (k)	(k)	(k)	...	...
Maryland (l)	EH	EH	AS (m)	...	(m)	AS	AS	(p)	EC	...	...	...	EC	(p)
Massachusetts*	EC (p)	...	AS	AS/2	...	...	...	(p)	EC (p)	AL	...	...	...	(p)
Michigan	EH	EH	...	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC
Minnesota	EH	AS	EC (q)	EC/8	(q)	...	...	...	EC (q)	AL/8	(q)	...	...	...
Mississippi	EH	EH	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Missouri*	EH	EH	...	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC	EC	EC
Montana	EH	EH	...	...	EH	...	EH	...	...	...	EH	...	EH	...
Nebraska (r)	EH	EH	...	...	EC	EC	EC	...	...	...	EC	EC	EC	...
Nevada	EH	EH	...	...	EC	EC	EC	...	...	...	EC	EC	EC	...
New Hampshire	EH	AS (b)	AS	AS	...	...	AS	...	AS (s)	AL (s)	...	...	AL	...
New Jersey (t)	EH	EH	EC	EC/3	...	...	EC	EC (u)	EC	EC/4	...	...	EC	EC (u)
New Mexico	EH	...	EC (m)	...	EC (m)	...	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	...	EC	EC
New York *(v)	EH	AS	AS	AS	...	...	AS	AS (w)	EC	AL/2	...	...	AL	AL (w)
North Carolina	EH	EH	EC	...	...	...	EC	...	EC	...	...	...	EC	...
North Dakota	EH	...	EC	EC	...	...	...	EC	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC
Ohio (x)	EH (p)	EH	...	...	EH	EH	EH	(p)	EH (p)	EH	...	...	EH	(p)
Oklahoma (y)	EH	EH	...	...	AS	AS/7	AS/2	EC	...	...	EC	EC/3	EC/2	EC
Oregon	EH	EH	EC (z)	AL/6	...	...	EC	(z)	EC (z)	AL/2	...	...	EC/3	(z)
Pennsylvania	EH	...	EC	...	...	...	EC	EC	EC (aa)	...	...	...	EC (aa)	EC
Rhode Island* (bb)	EH	AS (cc)	EC	EC/11 (n)	...	...	EC	...	EC	EC/3 (dd)	...	...	EC	...
South Carolina* (ee)*	EH	EH	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC (ff)	...	EC	EC	...	...	EC	...

See footnotes at end of table.

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State or other jurisdiction	Speaker	Speaker, pro tem	Majority leader	Assistant majority leader	Majority floor leader	Assistant majority floor leader	Majority whip	Majority caucus chairman	Minority leader	Assistant minority leader	Minority floor leader	Assistant minority floor leader	Minority whip	Minority caucus chairman
South Dakota (gg) .....	EH	EH	EC	EC	...	...	EC/4	...	EC	EC	...	...	EC/2	...
Tennessee .....	EH	EH	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC
Texas .....	EH	AS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Utah (hh) .....	EH (ii)	...	EC	...	...	...	EC	...	EC	...	...	...	EC	...
Vermont .....	EH	...	EC (i)	...	...	...	(jj)	...	EC	EC (jj)	...	...	(jj)	...
Virginia .....	EH	...	EC (q)	...	(q)	...	EC	EC	EC (q)	...	(q)	EC	...	EC
Washington (kk) .....	EH	EH	EC	...	...	EC/2	EC	EC (ll)	EC	...	EC	...	(EC	EC
West Virginia .....	EH	AS	AS	...	...	...	AS	...	EC	AL	...	...	...	AL
Wisconsin .....	EH	EH	EC	EC	...	...	...	EC	EC	EC	...	...	...	EC
Wyoming .....	EH	EH	...	...	EC	...	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC	EC	EC
Dist. of Columbia* .....	(r)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
American Samoa* .....	EH	EH (b)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam* .....	(r)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
No. Mariana Islands* .....	EH (mm)	...	(mm)	...	EH (nn)	...	...	...	EC	...	...	...	...	...
Puerto Rico* .....	EH (p)	EH (b)	EC	...	EC (oo)	...	...	(o)	(p)	...	EC (oo)	...	...	(p)
U.S. Virgin Islands* .....	(r)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Source: The Council of State Governments' legislative survey January 2000, except where noted by \* where data are from *The Book of the States, 1998-99*.

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. Entry following slash indicates number of individuals holding specified position.

**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.
- ... — Position does not exist or is not selected on a regular basis.
- (a) Appointed by minority floor leader.
- (b) Official title is deputy speaker. In Hawaii, American Samoa and Puerto Rico, vice speaker.
- (c) Four deputy majority leaders are appointed by majority leader and 16 assistant majority leaders are appointed by the speaker in consultation with the majority leader; three majority whips are appointed by speaker in consultation with the majority leader.
- (d) Minority leader pro tempore, three deputy minority leaders, six assistant minority leaders and one minority whip appointed by minority leader.
- (e) Approved by house members.
- (f) Official titles: assistant majority leader is deputy majority leader, majority floor leader is majority floor whip, assistant majority floor leader is freshman majority whip, assistant minority leader is Republican leader pro tem. Other titles of minority floor leaders are designated by party affiliation (Republican).
- (g) Official titles: majority floor leader is deputy majority leader, majority caucus chairman is majority conference chairperson, minority floor leader is deputy minority leader, and minority caucus chairman is minority conference chairperson.

- (h) Appointed by minority floor leader.
- (i) Additional positions include minority agenda chair (EC) and minority policy chair (EC).
- (j) Appointed only in the speaker's absence.
- (k) Majority leader also serves as majority floor leader; assistant majority leader also serves as assistant majority floor leader; minority leader also serves as minority floor leader; assistant minority leader also serves as assistant minority floor leader.
- (l) Additional positions include deputy speaker pro tem, parliamentarian, deputy majority leader, 13 deputy majority whips and 3 deputy minority whips.
- (m) Majority leader also serves as majority floor leader.
- (n) Official title is assistant majority leader.
- (o) Official title is assistant minority whip.
- (p) Speaker and minority leader are also caucus chairmen.
- (q) Majority leader also serves as majority floor leader; minority leader also serves as minority floor leader (unicameral legislature; see entries in Table 3.6, "Senate Leadership Positions — Methods of Selection.")
- (s) Official titles: minority leader is Democratic leader and assistant minority leader is deputy Democratic leader.
- (t) Additional positions include four deputy speakers (EC), three assistant majority whips (EC), majority budget officer (EC), minority leader pro tem (EC), and three deputy minority leaders (EC).
- (u) Official titles: majority caucus chairman is majority conference leader and minority caucus chairman is conference chairman.

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(v) Additional positions: deputy speaker (AS), assistant speaker (AS), assistant speaker pro tem (AS), minority leader pro tem (AL), assistant minority leader pro tem (AL), deputy majority leader (AS), deputy minority leader (AL), deputy majority whip (AS) deputy minority whip (AL), assistant majority whip (AS), assistant minority whip (AL), majority conference vice-chairman (AS), minority conference vice-chairman (AL), majority conference secretary (AS), minority conference secretary (AL), majority steering committee chairman (AS), majority steering committee vice-chairman (AS), minority steering committee chairman (AL), minority steering committee vice-chairman (AL), majority program committee chairman (and minority program committee chairman (AL).

(w) Official titles: majority caucus chairman is majority conference chairman; minority caucus chairman is minority conference chairman.

(x) Additional positions include assistant majority whip (EH) and assistant minority whip (EH).

(y) Additional positions include assistant majority whip and minority caucus secretary.

(z) Majority leader also serves as majority caucus chairman; minority leader also serves as minority caucus chairman.

(aa) Official titles: minority leader is Republican leader and minority whip is Republican whip.

(bb) Additional positions include first deputy speaker (AS).

(cc) Official title is senior speaker pro tem.

(dd) Official title is deputy minority leader.

(ee) Additional positions include two deputy majority whips, three assistant majority whips, and two freshman whips.

(ff) Official title is chief deputy majority whip.

(gg) Additional positions include three assistant majority whips (EC).

(hh) Additional positions include assistant majority whip and assistant minority whip (EC).

(ii) Speaker is elected in caucus but the formal nomination and election by acclamation take place the first day of the session by the entire body of house.

(jj) Assistant majority leader also serves as majority whip; assistant minority leader also serves as minority whip.

(kk) Additional positions include three assistant minority whips, all positions are established by caucus rule and can change each biennium.

(ll) Additional position is caucus vice chair (EC).

(mm) Speaker also serves as majority leader.

(nn) Official title is floor leader.

(oo) Official title is alternate floor leader.