

Table 3.6
SENATE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS: METHODS OF SELECTION

State or other jurisdiction	President	President 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 (b).....	(a)	ES	(b)	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	(b)	EC	(b)	EC	EC	EC
Alaska.....	ES	...	EC	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC
Arizona.....	ES	AP	EC	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC
Arkansas.....	(a)	ES	EC	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC
California.....	(a)	ES	EC	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC
Colorado.....	ES	ES	EC	EC	AP	AP	AP	EC	EC	AL	AL	AL	AL	AL
Connecticut (c).....	(a)	ES	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP	EC	AL	AL	AL	AL	AL
Delaware.....	EC/ES	EC	EC	EC	AP or AL	AP or AL	AP or AL	AP or AL	EC	AL	AL	AL	AL	AL
Florida.....	(a)	ES	EC	EC	AP	AP	AP	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC
Georgia.....	(a)	ES	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC
Hawaii (d).....	ES	ES (e)	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC (f)	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC
Idaho.....	ES	ES	EC	EC	...	...	...	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC
Illinois (g).....	ES	...	AP (g)	AP/5	...	...	AP/3	AP	EC	AL/5	...	EC	AL	AL
Indiana.....	(a)	ES	EC	EC	AT	AT	AT	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	(h)	EC
Iowa.....	(a)	ES	EC	EC	...	...	...	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC
Kansas.....	ES	ES (e)	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC
Kentucky (f).....	ES	ES	...	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	...	...	...	EC	EC
Louisiana.....	ES	ES	EC	EC	...	...	...	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC
Maine.....	ES	AP	EC	EC	(j)	(k)	...	EC	EC	EC	(l)	EC	(m)	EC
Michigan.....	ES	AP	AP (n)	AP (n)	(n)	(n)	AP	EC	EC	EC (o)	(o)	EC	EC	EC
Minnesota.....	(a)	ES	EC	EC	...	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC/5	EC
Mississippi.....	(a)	ES	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC
Missouri.....	(a)	ES	...	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC
Montana.....	ES	ES	...	...	ES	ES	ES	...	...	...	ES	ES	ES	...
Nbraska (U).....	(a)	ES (r)	...	...	EC	EC	EC	...	...	...	EC	EC	EC	...
Nevada (s).....	(a)	ES	AP	AP	EC	EC	EC	...	...	...	EC	EC	EC	...
New Hampshire.....	ES	ES	MA	MA	MA	MA	MA	MA	MI	MI	MI	MI	MI	MI
New Jersey.....	ES	ES	MA	MA	MA	MA	MA	MA	MI	MI	MI	MI	MI	MI
New Mexico.....	(a)	ES	EC (l)	EC (l)	EC (l)	EC (l)	EC	EC (l)	EC	EC (l)	EC (l)	EC (l)	EC	EC
New York (t).....	(a)	ES	EC	AT (v)	AT (v)	AT (v)	AT	AT (v)	EC	AT (v)	AT (v)	AT (v)	AL	AL (v)
North Carolina.....	(a)	ES	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC
North Dakota.....	(a)	ES	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	EC
Ohio (w)(x).....	ES	ES	...	...	ES	ES	ES	ES	ES (x)	ES	...	ES	ES	...
Oklahoma.....	(a)	ES	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC
Oregon.....	ES	ES	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC
Pennsylvania.....	ES	ES	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC
Rhode Island (y).....	ES	ES	EC	AL	AL	AL	AL	AL	AL	AL	...	AL	AL	...
South Carolina.....	(a)	ES	EC	...	...	...	...	...	EC	EC	...	EC	EC	...
South Dakota.....	(a)	ES	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC
Tennessee.....	AP	ES	EC	...	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC
Texas.....	(a)	ES	...	...	EC (z)	EC (z)	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC (z)	EC (z)	EC	EC (z)
Utah.....	ES	...	EC	EC	EC (aa)	EC (aa)	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC (aa)	EC (aa)	EC	EC (aa)
Vermont.....	(a)	ES	EC	EC	EC (aa)	EC (aa)	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC (aa)	EC (aa)	EC	EC (aa)

See footnotes at end of table.

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Virginia.....	(a)	ES	EC (bb)	EC (bb)	EC (bb)	EC (bb)	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC
Washington (c)	(a)	ES	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC
West Virginia.....	ES	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP	EC	EC	EC	EC	AL	AL
Wisconsin.....	ES (dd)	ES	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC
Wyoming.....	ES	ES (e)	ES	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC
Dist. of Columbia (U).....	(ee)	(ff)
American Samoa.....	ES	ES
Guam (U)(gg).....	ES (f)	ES (e)	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC
No. Mariana Islands.....	ES (hh)	...	(hh)	ES (fi)	ES (fi)	ES (fi)	ES	ES	ES	ES	ES	ES	ES	ES
Puerto Rico.....	ES (f)	EC	EC	EC (jj)	EC (jj)	EC (jj)	(kk)	ES	ES	ES	ES	ES	ES	ES
U.S. Virgin Islands (U).....	ES	...	ES	ES	ES	ES	ES	ES	ES	ES	ES

Source: The Council of State Governments' survey, January 2012.

Note: In some states, the leadership positions in the Senate 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:
 EC — Elected or confirmed by all members of the Senate. AL — Appointed by party leader.
 ES — Elected by party caucus. MA — Elected by majority party.
 AP — Appointed by president. MI — Elected by minority party.
 AT — Appointed by president pro tempore. (U) — Unicameral legislative body.
 ... — Position does not exist or is not selected on a regular basis.
 (a) Lieutenant governor is president of the Senate by virtue of the office.
 (b) Majority leader and majority floor leader appointed by president pro tempore and the Senate Democratic Caucus. Minority leader and minority floor leader elected by active members of the minority party. Additional leadership positions: deputy president pro tempore—appointed by Committee on Assignments and Dean of Senate—appointed by Committee on Assignments.
 (c) Position titles are as follows: chief deputy president pro tempore, two deputy presidents pro tempore, a chief assistant president pro tempore, three assistant presidents pro tempore, three deputy majority leaders (AP); three deputy minority leaders (AL).
 (d) An additional position of President Emeritus exists.
 (e) Official title is vice president. In Guam, vice speaker.
 (f) Official title is majority caucus leader.
 (g) The president can appoint a majority leader, and has done so in the current General Assembly.
 Additional leadership positions: the minority leader appoints a deputy minority leader and four assistant minority leaders.

(h) Appointed by minority leader.
 (i) In each chamber, the membership elects Chief Clerk; A assistant Clerk; Enrolling Clerk; Sergeant-at-Arms; Doorkeeper; Janitor; Cloakroom Keeper; and Pages.
 (j) Same position as majority leader.
 (k) Same position as assistant majority leader.
 (l) Same position as minority leader.
 (m) Same position as assistant minority leader.
 (n) Majority leader also serves as assistant majority leader.
 (o) Majority leader also serves as majority floor leader; deputy majority leader is official title and serves as assistant majority floor leader. There is also an assistant deputy majority leader, a majority whip, deputy majority whip, and two assistant majority whips.
 (p) Minority leader also serves as the minority floor leader.
 (q) President and minority floor leader are also caucus chairs. In Puerto Rico, president and minority leader. In Oregon, majority leader and minority leader.
 (r) Senate Rule 1.104 provides that the president pro tempore (ES), assistant president pro tempore (ES), and the associate president pro tempore (ES) are elected by a majority of the Senate. The rules also provide

for the selection of additional positions: assistant majority caucus whip (EC), assistant minority caucus whip (EC), assistant majority caucus chairperson (EC), and assistant minority caucus chairperson (EC).
 (r) Official title is speaker. In Guam the Speaker is elected on the Floor by majority and minority members on Inauguration Day.

(s) Additional leadership positions: Assistant Majority and Minority Whips, elected by caucus.
 (f) Majority leader also serves as majority floor leader. Minority leader also serves as minority floor leader.
 (u) Additional positions appointed by the majority leader, Senate Finance Comm. Chair, Vice President pro tem, Majority Program Development Comm. Chair, Majority Steering Comm. Chair, two assistant majority leaders, various deputies and assistants. Additional positions appointed by the minority leader, Senate Finance Comm. ranking member, Minority Policy Comm. chair, Minority Program Development chair, three (additional) assistant minority leaders, various deputies and assistants.
 (v) The assistant majority leader bears the title of senior assistant majority leader; majority floor leader bears the title of deputy majority leader for legislative operations; Majority caucus chair bears the title of majority conference chair; assistant minority leader for floor operations; minority caucus chair; minority floor leader bears the title assistant minority leader for floor operations; minority caucus chair bears the title minority conference chair.

(w) 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.
 (x) In Ohio president acts as majority leader and caucus chair; minority leader also acts as minority caucus chair; the fourth ranking minority leadership position is assistant minority whip (ES).
 (y) Additional positions include deputy president pro tempore.
 (z) Official title for majority floor leader is known as the assistant majority whip; the assistant minority floor leader is known as the assistant minority whip and the minority caucus chair is known as minority caucus manager.

(aa) Majority leader serves as majority floor leader and majority caucus chair. Assistant majority leader serves as assistant majority floor leader and majority whip. Minority leader serves as minority floor leader and minority caucus chair. Assistant minority leader serves as assistant minority floor leader and minority whip.
 (bb) Majority party and Minority party in Senate elects caucus officers.
 (cc) Washington Senate also has the leadership position of vice-president pro tem.
 (dd) Caucus nominee elected by whole membership.
 (ee) Chair of the Council, which is an elected position.
 (ff) Appointed by the chair; official title is chair pro tem.
 (gg) Additional positions include: Parliamentarian, elected by majority caucus and Senior Senator, elected by majority caucus.
 (hh) Speaker also serves as majority leader.
 (ii) Official title is floor leader.
 (jj) Official title is alternate floor leader.
 (kk) Official title is caucus chair.