

Table 3.7
HOUSE/ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS: METHODS OF SELECTION

| State or other jurisdiction | Speaker | Speaker pro tem | Minority leader | Assistant majority leader | Majority floor leader | Assistant majority floor leader | Majority whip | Minority 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 |
| Arizona..... | EH | AS | EC | ... | ... | ... | EC | EC | EC | ... | ... | ... | EC | EC |
| Arkansas..... | EH | AS | AS | AS | AS | AS | AS | EC | EC | ... | ... | ... | EC | EC |
| California..... | EH | AS | AS | AS | AS | AS | AS | EC | EC | EC | AL | AL | EC | AL |
| Colorado (a)..... | EH | AS/4 (b) | EC | EC/4 (b) | ... | ... | AS | AS | EC | AL | AL | AL | EC | AL |
| Connecticut..... | EH | AS/4 (b) | EC | EC/4 (b) | ... | ... | AS | AS | EC | AL | AL | AL | EC | AL |
| Delaware..... | EH | EH | EC | AS | AS | AS | EC | AS | EC | EC | AL | AL | EC | AL |
| Florida..... | EH | EH | EC | AS | AS | AS | EC | AS | EC | EC | AL | AL | EC | AL |
| Georgia..... | EH | EH | EC | EH | EH | EH | EC | EC | EC | EC | ... | ... | EC | EC |
| Hawaii (c)..... | EH | EH (d) | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC |
| Idaho..... | EH | ... | EC | EC | ... | ... | ... | EC | EC | EC | ... | ... | ... | EC |
| Illinois..... | EH | ... | AS (e) | AS (e) | ... | ... | ... | AS (e) | EC | AL (e) | ... | ... | ... | AL (e) |
| Indiana..... | EH | AL | EC | AL | AL | AL | AL | AL | EC | AL | EC | AL | AL | AL |
| Iowa..... | EH | EH | EC | EC | ... | ... | ... | EC | EC | EC | ... | ... | ... | EC |
| Kansas (f)..... | EH | EH | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC |
| Kentucky (g)..... | EH | EH | ... | ... | ... | ... | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC |
| Louisiana..... | EH | EH | ... | ... | ... | ... | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC |
| Maine..... | EH | AS (h) | EC (h) | EC (h) | (h) | (h) | (h) | EC (h) | EC (h) | EC (h) | (h) | (h) | (h) | EC (e) |
| Maryland (bb)..... | EH | EH (i) | AS (j) | AS (j) | AS (j) | AS (j) | AS | EC (l) | EC (l) | EC (l) | EC (l) | EC (l) | EC (l) | EC (k) |
| Massachusetts..... | EC | ... | AS | AS | ... | ... | ... | EC | EC | AL | EC | EC | EC | EC |
| Michigan (p)..... | EH | EH | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | AL | EC | EC | EC | EC |
| Minnesota..... | EH | AS | EC | EC | ... | ... | ... | EC | EC | AL | ... | ... | ... | EC |
| Mississippi..... | EH | EH | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | AL | EC | EC | EC | EC |
| Missouri..... | EH | EH | ... | ... | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | ... | EC | EC | EC | EC |
| Montana..... | EH | EH | ... | ... | EC | EC | EH | ... | ... | ... | EH | EH | EH | EC |
| Nevada..... | EH | EH | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | ... | EC | EC | EC | EC |
| New Hampshire..... | EH | AS (d) | AS | AS | MA | MA | MA | MA | AS | MI | MI | MI | MI | MI |
| New Jersey..... | EH | EH | MA | MA | MA | MA | MA | MA | MI | MI | MI | MI | MI | MI |
| New Mexico..... | EH | ... | EC | ... | EC (m) | EC (m) | EC | EC | EC | AL | EC (m) | EC | EC | EC |
| New York (p)..... | EH | AS | AS | AS | ... | ... | AS | AS (q) | EC | AL | EC | EC | AL | AL (q) |
| North Carolina..... | EH | EH | EC | EC | ... | ... | EC | EC | EC | ... | ... | ... | EC | EC |
| North Dakota..... | EH | EH | EC | EC | ... | ... | EC | EC | EC | ... | ... | ... | EC | EC |
| Ohio (r)..... | EH (k) | EH | ... | EH | EH | EH | EH | EH | EH (k) | EH | ... | ... | EH | EC |
| Oklahoma..... | EH | EH | AS | AS | AS | AS | AS | AS | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC |
| Oregon..... | EH | EH | EC | EC | ... | ... | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC |
| Pennsylvania..... | EH | EH | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC |
| Rhode Island..... | EH | EH | EC | AL | ... | ... | AL | ... | EC | AL | ... | ... | AL | EC |
| South Carolina..... | EH | EH | 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 |
| Texas..... | EH | AS | EC | EC | ... | ... | EC | ... | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC (s) |
| Utah..... | EH | AS | EC | EC | ... | ... | EC | ... | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC (s) |
| 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

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|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Virginia (a)..... | EH | | EC (v) | | EC (v) | EC | EC | EC (w) | EC | EC (w) | EC | AL | EC |
| Washington..... | EH | EH | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC |
| West Virginia..... | EH | AS | AS | AS | AS | AS | AS | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC |
| Wisconsin..... | EH (x) | EH (x) | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC |
| Wyoming..... | EH | EH | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC |
| Dist. of Columbia..... | EH | EH (d) | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC |
| American Samoa..... | EH | EH (d) | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC |
| Guam..... | EH (y) | EH (d) | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC |
| No. Mariana Islands..... | EH (k) | EH (d) | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC |
| Puerto Rico..... | EH (k) | EH (d) | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC |
| U.S. Virgin Islands..... | EH (k) | EH (d) | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC |

Source: The Council of State Governments' survey, January 2009 and March 2011.

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.
- ... — 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.
- (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 leaders; and the two deputy Republican (minority) leaders appointed by the Republican (minority) leader are among the eight assistant leaders. (The term "Minority" is in the state constitution, but has not been recently used by the leadership of the Republican (Minority) party.)
- (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) Additional majority positions appointed by the speaker: deputy speaker (AS), deputy majority leader, Ways and Means Committee chair, Democratic Program Committee chair, Democratic Steering Committee chair, various deputies and assistants. Additional minority positions appointed by the minority leader: deputy minority leader, Ways and Means Committee ranking member, Republican Steering Committee chair, Republican Program Committee chair, 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) There is a parliamentarian for the majority appointed by the Speaker and a minority parliamentarian elected by the minority party caucus.