

FORMER STATE LEGISLATURES, 1835-2008

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				Public Acts ⁴	Local Acts ⁴	Resolutions ⁵	Senators	Representatives		
1	1835	Nov. 2/Nov. 14	13	7		2	16 ⁷	50 ⁷		
	1836	Feb. 1/Mar. 28 July 11/July 26	57 16	83 30		7 3	16	50		
2	1837	Jan. 2/Mar. 22	80	111		16	16	50		
		June 12/June 22 Nov. 9/Dec. 30	11 52	19 14		3 5				
3	1838	Jan. 1/Apr. 6	96	126		23	16	50		
4	1839	Jan. 7/Apr. 20	104	117		35	17 ⁸	52 ⁸		
5	1840	Jan. 6/Apr. 1	87	127		27	17	52		
6	1841	Jan. 4/Apr. 13	100	90		30	17	52		
7	1842	Jan. 3/Feb. 17	46	89		42	18 ⁹	53 ⁹		
8	1843	Jan. 2/Mar. 9	67	98		25	18	53		
9	1844	Jan. 1/Mar. 12	72	96		34	18	53		
10	1845	Jan. 6/Mar. 24	78	115		30	18	53		
11	1846	Jan. 5/May 18	134	160		30	18	53		
12	1847	Jan. 4/Mar. 17	73	110		38	22 ¹⁰	66 ¹⁰		
13	1848	Jan. 3/Apr. 3	92	295		52	22	66		
14	1849	Jan. 1/Apr. 2	92	267		41	22	66		
15	1850	Jan. 7/Apr. 2	86	346		33	22	63		
16	1851	Feb. 5/Apr. 5	60	157		18	22	63 ¹¹		
		June 9/June 28	20	38		1				
17	1853	Jan. 5/Feb. 14	41	97		25	32 ¹²	71 ¹²		
							Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.
18	1855	Jan. 3/Feb. 13	42	174		32	7	25	24	48
19	1857	Jan. 7/Feb. 17	42	195		31	3	29	17 ¹³	63 ¹³
		Jan. 20/Feb. 4	16	32		10				
20	1859	Jan. 5/Feb. 16	43	263		29	8	24	25 ¹⁴	56 ¹⁴
21	1861	Jan. 2/Mar. 16	74	265		19	2	30	11 ¹⁵	72 ¹⁵
		May 7/May 11	4	10		2				
22	1862	Jan. 2/Jan. 20	19	26		16				
		Jan. 7/Mar. 23	76	243		26				
23	1864	Jan. 19/Feb. 6	19	71		9	14	18	39 ¹⁷	60 ¹⁷
		Jan. 4/Mar. 23	79	365		58	14	18	39	
24	1865	Jan. 19/Feb. 6	19	71		9	14	18	39	
		Jan. 4/Mar. 23	79	365		58	11	21	27	73
25	1867	Jan. 2/Mar. 28	86	520		47	1	30	21	79
26	1869	Jan. 6/Apr. 5	90	486		56	5	27	25	75
		July 27/Aug. 10	15	8		4				
27	1871	Jan. 4/Apr. 18	105	197 ¹⁸	297 ¹⁸	52	5	27	29	71
		Mar. 13/Apr. 11	30 ¹⁹	64	0	14				
28	1872	Apr. 11/May 24 ²⁰	44							
		Jan. 1/May 1	121	199 ¹⁸	197 ¹⁸	43	1	31	5	95
29	1874	Mar. 3/Mar. 26	24	7	15	11				
30	1875	Jan. 6/May 4	119	234	166	48	15	17	46	54
31	1877	Jan. 3/May 22	140	207 ²¹	157 ²¹	49	9	23	25	75
		Jan. 1/May 31	151	268	140	53	9	23	35	65
32	1881	Jan. 5/June 11	158	290	142	43				
		Feb. 23/Mar. 14	20	27	21	5	2	30	14 ²³	86
33	1883	Jan. 3/June 9	158	197	144	28				
		Jan. 7/June 20	165	234	165	42	13	19	38	62
34	1885	Jan. 7/June 20	165	234	165	42	14	18	48	52
		Jan. 5/June 29	176	317	248	36	10	22	37 ²⁶	63
35	1887	Jan. 5/June 29	176	317	248	36	10	22	37 ²⁶	63
		Jan. 2/July 3	183	277	207	42	8	24	30	70
36	1889	Jan. 2/July 3	183	277	207	42	8	24	30	70
		Jan. 7/July 3	178	200	198	22	17	15 ²⁷	66 ²⁸	34
37	1891	Jan. 7/July 3	178	200	198	22	17	15 ²⁷	66 ²⁸	34
		Aug. 5/Aug. 8	4	2	0	2				
38	1893	Jan. 4/May 29	146	213	209	34	10	22	31 ³⁰	69
		Jan. 2/May 31	150	271	198	33	0	32	1	99

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39	1897	Jan. 6/May 31	146	289	190	37	6	26	19 ³¹	81
	1898	Mar. 22/Apr. 13	23	8	0	3	(D&N) ³¹			
40	1899	Jan. 4/June 24	172	273	190	37	5	27	8	92
		Dec. 18/Jan. 6	19	3	4	2				
	1900	Oct. 10/Oct. 15	6	6	0	2				
		Dec. 12/Dec. 22	11	0	0	0				
41	1901	Jan. 2/June 6	156	242	244	31	1	31	10	90
42	1903	Jan. 7/June 18	107	257	293	27	1	31	10	90
43	1905	Jan. 4/June 17	97	332	339	21	0	32	0	100
44	1907	Jan. 2/June 29	106	340	414	36	0	32	5	95
		Oct. 7/Oct. 26	10	7	2	2				
45	1909	Jan. 6/June 2	87	322	5	4	0	32	2	98
46	1911	Jan. 4/May 2	73	299	12	1	4	28	12	88
		Feb. 26/Mar. 20	15	12	0	0	4	28	12	88
		Mar. 20/Apr. 10	12	9	0	2				
47	1913	Jan. 1/May 15	86	407	10	9	5	27 ³²	35	65 ³³
48	1915	Jan. 6/May 25	82	314	11	2	3	29	5	95
49	1917	Jan. 3/May 11	75	387	4	8	5	27	12	88
50	1919	Jan. 1/May 15	82	421	11	5	0	32	2	98
		June 3/June 26	12	26	0	1				
51	1921	Jan. 5/May 19	77	404	6	3	0	32	0	100
		May 24/June 20	13	31	0	2				
		June 30/July 26	5	5	0	0				
		Oct. 10/Oct. 20	5	1	0	0	0	32	0	100
52	1923	Jan. 3/May 31	81	323	0	1	0	32	5	95
		Dec. 4/Dec. 19	13	0	5	0				
53	1925	Jan. 7/May 28	79	393	3	5	0	32	0	100
		Feb. 16/Mar. 15	13	21	0	0	0	32	0	100
54	1927	Jan. 5/June 6	82	408	9	4	0	32	2	98
55	1929	Jan. 2/May 29	85	326	8	3	0	32	2	98
56	1931	Jan. 7/June 19	93	336	11	5	1	31	2	98
		Mar. 29/May 21	29	42	0	0	1	31	2	98
		Dec. 27/Dec. 31	4	1	0	0				
57	1933	Jan. 4/July 18	118	270	6	1	17	15	55	45
		Nov. 22/Jan. 4	21	19	0	0				
		Feb. 19/Apr. 4	22	40	0	0	17	15	55	45
		Dec. 10/Dec. 31	8	0	0	0				
58	1935	Jan. 2/June 22	97	258	6	3	11	21	49	51
		Dec. 21/Dec. 29	3	1	0	0	11	21	49	51
59	1937	Jan. 6/July 30	110	350	8	1	17	15	60	40
		July 30/Aug. 1	12	4	0	0				
		Aug. 29/Sept. 16	5	9	0	0	17	15	60	40
60	1939	Jan. 4/June 30	100	346	4	2	9	23	27	73
61	1941	Jan. 1/Oct. 11	100	384	6	2	10	22	32	68
		Jan. 19/Jan. 27	6	16	0	0	10	22	32	68
		Feb. 9/Feb. 27	12	22	0	0				
62	1943	Jan. 6/Apr. 30	58	250	6	5	7	25	26	74
		Apr. 30/May 20 ³⁴	5							
63	1944	Jan. 31/Mar. 14	17	59	0	0	7	25	26	74
		June 19/June 20	2	1	0	0				
		Nov. 3/Nov. 4	2	3	0	0				
63	1945	Jan. 3/June 7	79	345	32	2	8	24	34	66
		Feb. 4/Mar. 8	16	29	0	1	8	24	34	66
		July 9/July 26	5	4	0	1				
64	1947	Jan. 1/July 12	97	360	11	4	4	28	5	95
		Sept. 29/Sept. 30	2	1	0	0				
		Nov. 5/Nov. 12	4	4	0	0				
		Mar. 16/May 21	27	51	0	2	4	28	5	95
		Dec. 6/Dec. 15	3	11	0	0				
65	1949	Jan. 5/June 24	91	317	5	1	9	23	39	61
		Mar. 15/Dec. 30	102	43	0	2	9	23	39	61
66	1951	Jan. 3/June 29	95	279	6	3	7	25	34	66
		Aug. 20/Aug. 22	3	5	0	0				
		Oct. 23/Oct. 24	2	2	0	0				
	1952	Jan. 9/June 19	76	280	5	1	7	25	34	66
		Dec. 18/Dec. 23	2	4	0	0				

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93	2005	Jan. 12/Dec. 29	113	110	340	0	1	16	22	52	58
	2006	Jan. 11/Dec. 29	98	97	682	0	0	15 ⁴⁵	22	50 ⁴⁵	58
94	2007	Jan. 10/Dec. 27	132	134	221	0	0	17	21	58	52
	2008	Jan. 9/Dec. 30	95	96	586	0	0	17	21	58	52

¹ The provisions of the Constitution of 1835 governed the 1st through the 15th legislatures, while the Constitution of 1850 regulated the actions of the 16th through the 44th legislatures. The 45th through the 3rd session of the 72nd legislature acted under the terms of the Constitution of 1908. The 1964 session of the 72nd legislature and all subsequent sessions have been governed by the provisions of the Constitution of 1963.

The 1st through the 12th legislatures also met in Detroit, then the capital of the state. Beginning with the 13th legislature, all subsequent sessions have convened in Lansing, designated Michigan's capital by Act 60 of 1847, Laws of Michigan.

² The date listed is that of the last adjourning house, if applicable.

³ The length of the sessions of the 1st through the 41st legislatures is calculated in calendar days from the opening to the adjournment of each session. Beginning with the 42nd and ending with the 72nd legislature, the number listed is the actual number of session days of the last adjourning house.

⁴ The 1st through the 25th legislatures made no distinction between a public act or a local act; all were published as "acts of the legislature" in a single volume. Act 97 of 1871, Laws of Michigan, first required the publication of public acts and local acts as separate volumes.

⁵ For the 1st through the 47th legislatures, the number of resolutions listed may include joint, concurrent, or regular resolutions. Beginning with the 48th legislature and with the exception of 1925, this number includes only joint resolutions.

⁶ Political data has been included in the table since 1885. The political make-up of the earlier legislatures was ascertained as nearly as possible by researching newspapers of the period, of which 1850 was the earliest obtainable.

⁷ As Allegan County was organized by an act of the territorial council after adoption of the proposed constitution for submission to a vote and before actual adoption by the voters, the county was entitled to 1 representative in the house upon the effective date of the constitution. Therefore, the house of representatives admitted the Allegan County delegate, increasing its membership to 50. See Const. 1835, art. 4, §4, and Sched. §12.

⁸ Under the terms of the Constitution of 1835, art. 4, §3, the legislature enacted Act 82 of 1838, Laws of Michigan, apportioning house of representatives members and arranging senate districts.

⁹ See Act 61 of 1841, Laws of Michigan, reapportioning house of representatives membership and senate districts.

¹⁰ See Act 25 of 1846, Laws of Michigan, reapportioning house of representatives membership and senate districts.

¹¹ Organized as counties in March 1850, prior to the adoption of the Constitution of 1850, both Tuscola and Montcalm Counties were entitled to 1 representative each under the provisions of the Constitution of 1835, art. 4, §4. The house of representatives admitted both delegates to increase its membership to 68.

¹² The Constitution of 1850, art. 4, §2, increased the number of senators to 32. Art. 4, §3, established a range in the number of representatives. Act 167 of the Extra Session of 1851, Laws of Michigan, reapportioned house membership within that range.

¹³ See Act 104 of 1855, Laws of Michigan, reapportioning house of representatives membership. Saginaw County was inadvertently omitted from the reapportionment act, but was entitled to 1 seat in the house.

¹⁴ Bay County was organized in 1857. Having met the requirements for representation of the Constitution of 1850, art. 4, §3, the house of representatives admitted its delegate, increasing membership to 81.

¹⁵ Alpena County, organized in 1857 and originally a part of another district, met the population requirements of the Constitution of 1850, art. 4, §3, thereby entitling it to 1 representative. Muskegon County was organized in 1859 under the terms of the Constitution of 1850. Therefore, the house of representatives admitted both delegates to increase its membership to 83.

¹⁶ Democratic and Union.

¹⁷ See Act 116 of 1861, Laws of Michigan, reapportioning house of representatives membership and increasing it to the constitutional limit.

¹⁸ Act 97 of 1871 and Act 157 of 1873, Laws of Michigan, authorized the publication of acts enacted by the legislature into 3 volumes: acts of a general nature; charters from cities, villages and other municipal bodies, and all acts of a local or personal nature. The charters of cities, villages and municipal bodies are included in the local act total.

¹⁹ Both the house and senate voted to extend the extra session beyond its 20-day constitutional limit to allow members of the senate to return home before organizing as a court of impeachment.

²⁰ Session of the senate sitting as a court of impeachment for the trial of Charles A. Edmonds, commissioner of the state land office.

²¹ Act 170 of 1877 repealed the 1871 and 1873 acts on publication of laws enacted and authorized the publication of acts enacted into 2 volumes: acts of a general nature and all acts of a local nature.

²² Democratic and National.

²³ One Independent.

²⁴ Democratic, Fusionist and Greenback.

²⁵ Greenback and Republican, 1; Labor and Fusionist, 1; Labor and Republican, 1.

²⁶ Labor Republican, 4; Labor and Fusionist, 3; Greenback and Labor, 1; Labor, Greenback and Republican, 1; Patrons of Industry, 3.

²⁷ Three Patrons of Industry.

²⁸ Four Patrons of Industry and 3 Industrial.

²⁹ One Democratic and Populist.

³⁰ Three Populists.

³¹ Democratic, Populist and Silverite.

³² Six National Progressives.

³³ Eleven National Progressives.

³⁴ Session of the senate sitting as a court of impeachment for the trial of Michael E. Nolan, judge of probate for the County of Gogebic.

³⁵ An amendment to sections 2, 3, and 4 of article 5 of the Constitution of 1908, proposed by initiative petition and approved November 1952, increased the number of senators to 34 and the number of representatives to 110.

³⁶ The Constitution of 1963, art. 4, §2, increased the number of senators to 38.

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³⁷ Voters recalled Democratic senators representing the 8th and 9th senate districts in November 1983. Republican candidates won both seats.

³⁸ At the commencement of the 1995 Regular Session, the 109th House District seat was vacant.

³⁹ At the commencement of the 1998 Regular Session, the 32nd House District seat was vacant.

⁴⁰ At the commencement of the 2001 Regular Session, the 2nd and 26th Senate District seats were vacant; following the March 20, 2001, special election, there were 15 Democrats and 23 Republicans in the State Senate.

⁴¹ At the commencement of the 2001 Regular Session, the 33rd House District seat was vacant.

⁴² At the commencement of the 2002 Regular Session, the 9th and 32nd House District seats were vacant.

⁴³ At the commencement of the 2006 Regular Session, the 29th and 56th House District seats and the 23rd Senate District seats were vacant.