

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS

CONVENTION OF 1835

Convened at Detroit, May 11, and adjourned June 24, 1835

OFFICERS

JOHN BIDDLE, *President*
CHARLES W. WHIPPLE, *Secretary*
MARSHAL J. BACON, *Secretary*
OLMSTED HOUGH, *Sergeant-at-Arms*

Delegate	District	County	Delegate	District	County
Adam, John J.	3	Lenawee	Manning, Randolph	5	Oakland
Axford, J. S.	6	Macomb	McClelland, Robert	2	Monroe
Axford, Samuel	6	Macomb	McDonell, John	1	Wayne
Barry, John S.	13	St. Joseph	Miller, Lewis T.	9	{ Hillsdale Branch
Beaufait, Louis	1	Wayne	Moore, William	4	Washtenaw
Biddle, John	1	Wayne	Morris, Benjamin B.	5	Oakland
Boughton, Seleck C.	3	Lenawee	Mundy, Edward	4	Washtenaw
Brewer, John	4	Washtenaw	Newberry, Seneca	5	Oakland
Briggs, Russell	4	Washtenaw	Newton, James	12	Cass
Brower, Richard	4	Washtenaw	Noble, Nathaniel	4	Washtenaw
Brown, Ammon	1	Wayne	Norvell, John	1	Wayne
Calkin, Ephraim	6	Macomb	Odell, James	12	Cass
Case, Emanuel	4	Washtenaw	Otis, Asa H.	1	Wayne
Chapman, Bela	16	Chippewa	Patrick, William	5	Oakland
Chase, Jonathan	5	Oakland	Patterson, Joseph H.	3	Lenawee
Clark, Eliphalet	2	Monroe	Porter, Henry	6	Macomb
Clark, John	7	St. Clair	Porter, Solomon	6	Macomb
Colbath, Lemuel	2	Monroe	Purdy, Robert	4	Washtenaw
Collins, Alpheus	4	Washtenaw	Raynale, Ebenezer	5	Oakland
Comstock, Darius	3	Lenawee	Rexford, Roswell B. ¹	8	Jackson
Convis, Ezra	10	Calhoun	Riggs, Jeremiah	5	Oakland
Cook, Elijah F.	5	Oakland	Shattuck, Gilbert	4	Washtenaw
Crary, Isaac E.	10	Calhoun	Shellhouse, Martin G.	13	St. Joseph
Crossman, Rufus	4	Washtenaw	Stevens, Amos	1	Wayne
Curtis, Thomas	5	Oakland	Stubbs, Michael P.	4	Washtenaw
Davis, J. D.	1	Wayne	Sutphen, Josephus V. D.	2	Monroe
Davis, Roosevelt ¹	8	Jackson	Tallman, Theophilus E.	1	Wayne
Davidson, Norman	5	Oakland	Taylor, Joshua B.	5	Oakland
Dousman, Michael	15	Mackinac	Ten Eyck, Conrad	1	Wayne
Ellenwood, John	5	Oakland	Tiffany, Alexander R. ²	3	Lenawee
Ellis, Edward D.	2	Monroe	Tucker, Jacob	6	Macomb
Ferrington, George W.	1	Wayne	VanEvery, Peter	1	Wayne
Ferry, Peter P.	2	Monroe	Voorheis, Isaac I.	5	Oakland
Gidley, Townsend E.	8	Jackson	Wadhams, Ralph	7	St. Clair
Godard, Abel	4	Washtenaw	Welch, William H.	11	Kalamazoo
Godfroy, James F.	2	Monroe	Wells, Hezekiah G.	11	Kalamazoo
Herrington, Caleb	1	Wayne	White, Alpheus	1	Wayne
Howe, Orin	4	Washtenaw	White, David	2	Monroe
Howell, Joseph	3	Lenawee	White, Orrin	4	Washtenaw
Hutchins, Allen	3	Lenawee	White, Samuel	5	Oakland
Ingersoll, Samuel	2	Monroe	Whitney, John ²	3	Lenawee
Irwin, Charles F.	1	Wayne	Wilkins, Ross	3	Lenawee
Jenkins, Baldwin	12	Cass	Willard, Titus B.	14	Berrien
Lacy, Elijah	14	Berrien	Williams, John R.	1	Wayne
Loomis, Hubbell	13	St. Joseph	Woodbridge, William	1	Wayne
Lyon, Lucius	11	Kalamazoo			

NOTE: It was this convention that formed Michigan's first constitution.

Relying on provisions of the Ordinance of 1787 and the Act of January 11, 1805, 2 Stat. 309, creating the Territory of Michigan, the Legislative Council of the Territory of Michigan enacted legislation providing for the election of delegates to a convention to form a constitution and state government. The act, passed January 26, 1835, defined the time and manner of the election, the number of delegates from each district, and the time and place of the convention. As the Northwest Ordinance had provided that "whenever any of the said states shall have sixty thousand free inhabitants therein . . . [it] shall be at liberty to form a permanent Constitution and State government," the act also declared Michigan's population to be 87,273, the result of a census the council had authorized September 6, 1834.

Delegates to this convention were elected April 4, 1835, and convened in Detroit, then the capital of the territory, on May 11, 1835. The delegates adopted the constitution on June 24, 1835, for submission to a vote of the people. On October 5 and 6 of that year, the people approved the constitution by a vote of 6,299 to 1,359. This vote total, which was printed in the Journal of the Senate (November 3, 1836), did not include vote totals from Kalamazoo County. That vote, 453 in favor and 15 against, appears in the Record of Elections 1835-1845, Office of the Secretary of State.

¹The vote for Davis and Rexford was a tie. The convention passed a resolution sending the matter back to the district for a special election, which was held on May 25, 1835. Both delegates were permitted to hold seats with the privilege of debating but not voting issues until the election returns were received. Rexford won the election and was seated by the convention on June 3, 1835.

²A credentials check led to the seating of Tiffany on May 16, 1835. Whitney served until that date.

CONVENTION OF 1850

Convened at Lansing, June 3, and adjourned August 15, 1850

OFFICERS

DANIEL GOODWIN, *President*
 JOHN SWEGLES, JR., *Secretary*
 HORACE S. ROBERTS, *Assistant Secretary*
 CHARLES HASCALL, *Assistant Secretary*
 DAVID HUBBARD, JR., *Sergeant-at-Arms*

Delegate	County	Delegate	County
Adam, Wales	Branch	Hascall, Volney	Kalamazoo
Adams, Peter R.	Lenawee	Hathaway, Hiram	Macomb
Alvord, Henry J.	Wayne	Hixon, Daniel	Washtenaw
Anderson, Robert H.	Jackson	Kingsley, James	Washtenaw
Arzeno, Alexander M.	Monroe	Kinne, Daniel	Hillsdale
Axford, William T.	Oakland	Leach, DeWitt C.	Genesee
Backus, Henry	Wayne	Lee, Daniel S.	Livingston
Bagg, Joseph H.	Wayne	Lovell, Cyrus	Ionia
Barnard, Ely	Livingston	Marvin, Henry B.	Monroe
Bartow, Henry	Ionia	Mason, Lorenzo	St. Clair
Bartow, John	Genesee	McClelland, Robert	Monroe
Beardsley, Charles E.	Eaton	McLeod, William Norman	Mackinac
Beeson, Jacob	Berrien	Moore, Edward S.	St. Joseph
Britain, Calvin	Berrien	Morrison, William V.	Calhoun
Brown, Alvarado	Branch	Mosher, John	Hillsdale
Brown, Ammon	Wayne	Mowry, Zebina M.	Oakland
Brown, Asahel	Branch	Newberry, Seneca	Oakland
Burns, John D.	Eaton	O'Brien, Morgan	Washtenaw
Bush, Charles P.	Ingham	Orr, Joseph W. T.	Barry
Butterfield, John L.	Jackson	Pierce, John D.	Calhoun
Carr, William S.	Washtenaw	Pierce, Nathan	Calhoun
Chandler, Charles	Lenawee	Prevost, F. J.	Shiawassee
Chapel, Charles W.	Macomb	Raynale, Ebenezer	Oakland
Choate, Emerson	Monroe	Redfield, George	Cass
Church, Thomas B.	{ Kent	Roberts, Elijah J.	Chippewa
	{ Ottawa	Robertson, Andrew S.	Macomb
Clark, John	St. Clair	Robinson, Elisha S.	Jackson
Clark, Samuel	Kalamazoo	Robinson, Mitchel	Cass
Comstock, Addison J.	Lenawee	Robinson, Rix	{ Kent
Connor, William	St. Joseph		{ Ottawa
Cook, John P.	Hillsdale	Skinner, Elias M.	Washtenaw
Cornell, Jerry G.	Jackson	Soule, Milo	Calhoun
Crary, Isaac E.	Calhoun	Storey, Wilbur F.	Jackson
Crouse, Robert	Livingston	Sturgis, David	Clinton
Danforth, Ephraim B.	Ingham	Sullivan, James	Cass
Daniels, Ebenezer	Lenawee	Sutherland, Jabez G.	Saginaw
Desnoyer, Peter	Wayne	Tiffany, Charles W.	Lenawee
Dimond, Reuben B.	St. Clair	Town, Oka	Allegan
Eastman, Timothy	{ Kent	Van Valkenburgh, Jacob	Oakland
	{ Ottawa	Wait, Benjamin W.	Washtenaw
Eaton, Ebenezer C.	Wayne	Walker, DeWitt C.	Macomb
Edmunds, James M.	Washtenaw	Warden, Robert, Jr.	Livingston
Fralick, Henry	Wayne	Webster, James	Oakland
Gale, Elbridge G.	Genesee	Wells, Hezekiah G.	Kalamazoo
Gardiner, Earle P.	Washtenaw	Whipple, Charles W.	Berrien
Gibson, John	Wayne	White, Jonathan R.	Lapeer
Goodwin, Daniel	Wayne	Whittemore, Gideon O.	Oakland
Graham, Jonathan B.	Hillsdale	Willard, Isaac W.	Van Buren
Green, Nelson	Lenawee	Williams, Joseph R.	St. Joseph
Hanscom, Alfred H.	Oakland	Witherell, Benjamin F. H.	Wayne
Hart, Noah H.	Lapeer	Woodman, Elias S.	Oakland
Harvey, George C.	Lenawee		

NOTE: This convention occurred as a result of Joint Resolution No. 21, approved by the legislature on March 12, 1849, asking electors to approve a constitutional convention to revise the Constitution of 1835.

One hundred delegates, elected May 6, 1850, in accordance with Act 78 of 1850, convened in Lansing on June 3 and adjourned August 15, 1850, after adopting a revised constitution. The proposed revision was submitted to, and adopted by, the people at the general election held November 5, 1850, by a vote of 36,169 to 9,433.

CONVENTION OF 1867

Convened at Lansing, May 15, and adjourned August 22, 1867

OFFICERS

CHARLES M. CROSWELL, *President*
 THOMAS H. GLENN, *Secretary*
 G. X. M. COLLIER, *Assistant Secretary*
 T. P. MILES, *Assistant Secretary*
 D. B. PURINTON, *Sergeant-at-Arms*
 SEYMOUR FOSTER, *Postmaster*

Delegate	County	Delegate	County
Aldrich, Levi	Cass	Longyear, John W.	Ingham
Alexander, Lorenzo P.	Berrien	Lothrop, G. V. N.	Wayne
Andrus, William W.	Macomb	Lovell, Henry R.	Genesee
Barber, Julius S.	Branch	Luce, Cyrus G.	Branch
Bills, Perley	Lenawee	McClelland, Robert	Wayne
Birney, James	Bay	McConnell, Willard M.	Oakland
Blackman, Samuel H.	Van Buren	McKernan, John Q.	Houghton
Bradley, Milton	Kalamazoo	Miles, Marcus H.	St. Clair
Brown, Asahel	Branch	Miller, Hiram L.	Saginaw
Burtch, Milton P.	Eaton	Morton, Edward G.	Monroe
Burtenshaw, James	Ontonagon	Murray, Lyman	Kent
Case, George F.	Montcalm	Musgrave, Joseph	Eaton
Chapin, DeWitt C.	Gratiot	Mussey, Dexter	Macomb
Chapman, Bela	Mackinac	Ninde, Thomas	Washtenaw
Conger, Omar D.	St. Clair	Norris, Lyman D.	Washtenaw
Coolidge, Henry H.	Berrien	Parsons, S. Titus	Shiawassee
Corbin, William	Monroe	Pratt, Daniel L.	Hillsdale
Crocker, Thomas M.	Macomb	Pringle, Eugene	Jackson
Croswell, Charles M.	Lenawee	Purcell, William	Wayne
Daniells, Nathaniel I.	Clinton	Rafter, William A.	Monroe
Desnoyer, Peter	Wayne	Richmond, Charles H.	Washtenaw
Divine, John	Sanilac	Root, Simeon P.	Hillsdale
Duncan, Delamore	Kalamazoo	Sawyer, Jacob C.	Lenawee
Duncombe, Charles	Van Buren	Shearer, Jonathan	Wayne
Elliott, Adam	Barry	Sheldon, Horace J.	Lenawee
Estee, Perry H.	Midland	Smith, Thaddeus G.	Genesee
Farmer, William S.	Berrien	Smith, William A.	Wayne
Ferris, Jacob	Kent	Stockwell, Martin P.	Lenawee
Giddings, Marsh	Kalamazoo	Stoughton, William L.	St. Joseph
Goodwin, Daniel	Wayne	Sutherland, Jabez G.	Saginaw
Goodwin, William F.	Jackson	Thompson, Lewis J.	Hillsdale
Gulick, Robert F.	Keweenaw	Turner, Josiah	Shiawassee
Haire, John	Ottawa	Tyler, Comfort	St. Joseph
Harris, Edward P.	Oakland	Utley, William S.	Newaygo
Hazen, Ezra	St. Clair	VanRiper, Jacob J.	Cass
Henderson, Eden F.	Calhoun	Van Valkenburgh, Jacob	Oakland
Henkel, Peter	Wayne	Walker, Alvah H.	Clinton
Hixon, Daniel	Washtenaw	Warner, P. Dean	Oakland
Holmes, Charles D.	Calhoun	Warner, William E.	Wayne
Holt, Henry H.	Muskegon	Watkins, Freeman C.	Jackson
Howard, Sumner	Genesee	Watkins, Milton C.	Kent
Huston, Benjamin W.	Tuscola	White, William E.	Allegan
Hull, Levi T.	St. Joseph	Willard, George	Calhoun
Ingalls, Eleazer S.	Menominee	Williams, William B.	Allegan
Jennison, Hiram	Ottawa	Winans, Edwin B.	Livingston
Jermain, George W.	Ionia	Winsor, Richard	Huron
Kenney, Myron C.	Lapeer	Withey, Solomon L.	Kent
Lamb, John M.	Lapeer	Woodhouse, Lemuel	Ingham
Lawrence, Benjamin W.	Livingston	Wright, Harvey	Barry
Leach, DeWitt C.	Grand Traverse	Yeomans, Sanford A.	Ionia

NOTE: The 100 delegates elected on April 1, 1867, under the provisions of Act 41 of 1867, convened in Lansing on May 15 and adopted a revised constitution on August 21, 1867. The people rejected the proposed revision at the April 6, 1868, election by a vote of 71,733 for and 110,582 against.

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION OF 1873

Convened at Lansing, August 27, and adjourned October 16, 1873

OFFICERS

SULLIVAN M. CUTCHEON, *Chairman*

HENRY S. CLUBB, *Clerk*

STEPHEN B. MCCrackEN, *Assistant Clerk*

WILLIAM BURNHAM, *Doorkeeper*

Delegate	Congressional District	County
Crane, Isaac M.	3	Eaton
Crouse, Ira D.	6	Livingston
Cutcheon, Sullivan M.	2	Washtenaw
Devereaux, James R.	9	Houghton
Divine, John	7	Sanilac
Ferry, William M. ¹	5	Ottawa
Giddings, Edwin W. ²	7	Macomb
Hatch, Herschel H.	8	Bay
Jerome, David H.	8	Saginaw
Mason, Lyman G. ³	5	Muskegon
Meddaugh, Elijah W.	1	Wayne
Moffatt, Seth C.	9	Leelanau
Pond, Ashley	1	Wayne
Riley, Henry H.	4	St. Joseph
Upson, Charles	3	Branch
Wells, Hezekiah G.	4	Kalamazoo
Willits, Edwin	2	Monroe
Withey, Solomon L.	5	Kent
Woodward, Lysander	6	Oakland

NOTE: Arguing that the 1850 constitution “is defective in many respects, and needs to be amended to conform to the growth and development of the State,” the legislature approved Joint Resolution No. 19, on April 24, 1873, providing for the governor to appoint a commission to report “such amendments and revision of the constitution . . . [as] may be necessary for the best interests of the State and the people.”

Under the terms of the resolution, the governor appointed an 18-member commission, 2 members from each of the state’s 9 congressional districts, to consider amending or revising the Constitution of 1850. The commission convened at Lansing on August 27, 1873, adjourned on October 16 after completing its work, and reported to the governor on December 1 that the “work of the commission . . . has been equivalent to a revision, although it is technically recognized in the official records of the commission as the amended constitution”

Calling a special session of the legislature in 1874, the governor submitted the commission’s report and suggested amendments to the legislature as required by Joint Resolution No. 19. After studying the most advisable method of submitting the proposed amendments to the constitution to a vote, the legislature further amended the commission’s proposals. On March 26, 1874, it approved Joint Resolution No. 4, proposing amendments to the Constitution of 1850.

At the election of November 3, 1874, the people rejected the proposed constitution by a vote of 39,285 for to 124,034 against.

¹ Appointed October 2, 1873.

² Granted an indefinite leave of absence September 23, 1873; resigned October 8, 1873.

³ Granted an indefinite leave of absence September 10, 1873.

CONVENTION OF 1907-1908

Convened at Lansing, October 22, 1907, and adjourned March 3, 1908

OFFICERS

JOHN J. CARTON, Flint, *President*

CHARLES H. WATSON, Crystal Falls, *President Pro Tem*

PAUL H. KING, Lansing, *Secretary*

ANDREW J. SCOTT, Saginaw, *Sergeant-at-Arms*

Delegate	Senatorial District	Post Office
Acker, William H.	12	Richmond
Adams, Edgar J.	16	Grand Rapids
Atwood, Theron W.	21	Caro
Babcock, Robert S.	26	Manistee
Baird, John	22	Zilwaukee
Baldwin, Clarke E.	5	Adrian
Baldwin, Frederick J.	18	Coral
Barbour, Levi L.	2	Detroit
Barnaby, Horace T., Jr.	17	Grand Rapids
Barnett, James F.	16	Grand Rapids
Bishop, Roswell P. ¹	26	Ludington
Black, Charles M.	23	Muskegon
Boynton, Nathan S.	11	Port Huron
Broomfield, Archibald	25	Big Rapids
Brown, Jefferson G.	11	Avoca
Brown, Thomas H.	1	Highland Park
Brown, William E.	21	Lapeer
Burt, Wellington R.	22	Saginaw
Burton, Clarence M.	2	Detroit
Calverly, William D.	32	Houghton
Campbell, Gordon R.	32	Calumet
Campbell, Henry M.	1	Detroit
Carton, John J.	13	Flint
Cavanaugh, Martin J.	10	Ann Arbor
Chandler, Merritt	29	Onaway
Cook, Albert B.	14	Owosso
Coomer, George W.	4	Wyandotte
Cranor, Ozro N. ²	26	Ludington
Dawson, William	20	Sandusky
DeLand, Charles J.	10	Jackson
Deuel, Andrew L.	29	Harbor Springs
Fairlie, John Archibald	10	Ann Arbor
Fall, Delos	9	Albion
Flannigan, Richard C.	31	Norway
Fleischhauer, Alfred M.	25	Reed City
Foster, Eugene	28	Gladwin
Freeman, Herbert L.	13	Flushing
Fyfe, Lawrence C.	7	St. Joseph
Gore, Victor M.	7	Benton Harbor
Hall, James H.	20	Port Austin
Hally, Patrick J. M.	3	Detroit
Hawkins, Victor	6	Jonesville
Heald, Henry T.	16	Grand Rapids
Heckert, Benjamin F.	8	Paw Paw
Hemans, Lawton T.	14	Mason
Holmes, John W.	19	Alma
Horton, George B.	5	Fruit Ridge
Houk, Calvin E.	32	Ironwood
Ingram, Frederick F.	3	Detroit
Jones, Walter C.	7	Marcellus
Kilpatrick, William M.	14	Owosso
Knowles, Leonard F.	27	Boyne City
Lillie, Colon C.	23	Coopersville
Louisell, Medor E.	27	Frankfort
Manchester, William C.	4	Detroit
Mead, Frank D.	30	Escanaba
Merrell, Joseph	3	Detroit
Milnes, Alfred	6	Coldwater
Monfort, Frank R.	19	Ithaca
Moore, Andrew L.	12	Pontiac

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Delegate	Senatorial District	Post Office
Moore, George W.	11	Port Huron
Morgan, David T.	31	Republic
Nichols, Edwin C.	9	Battle Creek
Oberdorfer, William J.	30	Stephenson
Osmun, William E.	23	Montague
Post, Floyd L.	24	Midland
Powell, Herbert E.	18	Ionina
Pratt, Frank S.	24	Bay City
Robertson, Leslie B.	5	Adrian
Rockwell, Kleber P.	12	Pontiac
Rowe, George E.	17	Grand Rapids
Russell, Frederick J.	26	Hart
Salliotte, Ignatius J.	4	Ecorse
Sawyer, Eugene F.	27	Cadillac
Sharpe, Albert E.	30	Sault Ste. Marie
Shaw, Edwin O.	25	Newaygo
Simons, Charles C.	2	Detroit
Smith, John M. C.	15	Charlotte
Smith, Osmond H.	28	Harrisville
Snow, Ernest A.	22	Saginaw
Stewart, Hugh P.	6	Centreville
Sutherland, Justin L.	18	Portland
Taylor, Walter R.	9	Kalamazoo
Thew, Charles N.	8	Allegan
Thomas, Charles H.	15	Hastings
Thompson, Charles D.	20	Bad Axe
Tossy, Louis E.	1	Detroit
Townsend, Willis L.	29	Gaylord
Turnbull, Edward A.	15	Grand Ledge
Van Kleeck, James	24	Bay City
Walbridge, Henry E.	19	St. Johns
Walton, Jay C.	13	Howell
Watson, Charles H.	31	Crystal Falls
Wicksall, Guy J.	8	South Haven
Wixson, Walter S.	21	Caro
Woodruff, Henry H.	28	Roscommon
Wykes, Roger I.	17	Grand Rapids

NOTE: Under the provisions of Const. 1850, art. 20, §2, ninety-six delegates, three from each of the 32 senatorial districts established by Act 264 of 1895 and elected according to the provisions of Act 272 of 1907, convened in Lansing on October 22, 1907. The convention adopted the proposed revision of the constitution February 21, 1908, and adjourned March 3, 1908.

By Act 272 of 1907, the legislature had required the revised constitution be submitted to the people for a vote at the April 1908 election. The convention, however, due to the length of its deliberations (they did not end until February 21), voted to submit the constitution to a vote at the November general election. The secretary of state, doubting the power of the convention to fix a date other than that provided by the legislature, refused to comply with the order of the convention.

In *Carton v Secretary of State*, 151 Mich. 337; 115 N.W. 429 (1908), the Michigan Supreme Court held that in the absence of an express grant of power to the legislature and by the implications drawn from Const. 1850, art. 20, §§1 and 2, the convention did have the power to set the date for submission of the constitution to a vote. Therefore, by order of the Supreme Court, the people voted on November 3, 1908; the revised constitution was adopted by a vote of 244,705 for to 130,783 against.

¹Resigned November 15, 1907.

²Appointed November 27, 1907, to replace Roswell P. Bishop.

CONVENTION OF 1961-1962

Convened at Lansing, October 3, 1961, and adjourned August 1, 1962

OFFICERS

STEPHEN S. NISBET, Fremont, *President*

TOM DOWNS, Detroit, *Vice President*

EDWARD HUTCHINSON, Fennville, *Vice President*

GEORGE ROMNEY, Bloomfield Hills, *Vice President*

FRED I. CHASE, Lansing, *Secretary*

Delegate	Politics	Post Office	District
Allen, Glenn S., Jr.	Rep.	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo Co., 1st Dist.
Andrus, Vera	Rep.	Port Huron	St. Clair Dist.
Anspach, Charles L.	Rep.	Mt. Pleasant	Isabella Dist.
Austin, Richard H.	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 6th Dist.
Baginski, Martin W.	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 5th Dist.
Balcer, Frank A., Jr.	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 8th Dist.
Barthwell, Sidney	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 2nd Dist.
Batchelor, Don G.	Rep.	Grand Blanc	Genesee Co., 2nd Dist.
Beaman, Berry N.	Rep.	Parma	10th Senatorial Dist.
Bentley, Alvin M.	Rep.	Owosso	15th Senatorial Dist.
Binkowski, Don	Dem.	Detroit	2nd Senatorial Dist.
Blandford, Robert H.	Rep.	Grand Rapids	Kent Co., 1st Dist.
Bledsoe, Harold E.	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 11th Dist.
Bonisteel, Roscoe O.	Rep.	Ann Arbor	33rd Senatorial Dist.
Boothby, Lee	Rep.	Niles	7th Senatorial Dist.
Bowens, Robert ¹	Dem.	Pontiac	Oakland Co., 2nd Dist.
Bradley, Russell W. ²	Dem.	Menominee	30th Senatorial Dist.
Brake, D. Hale	Rep.	Stanton	25th Senatorial Dist.
Brown, Garry E.	Rep.	Schoolcraft	6th Senatorial Dist.
Brown, Theodore S.	Dem.	Garden City	Wayne Co., 20th Dist.
Buback, Peter L.	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 3rd Dist.
Butler, Ruth G.	Rep.	Houghton	Houghton Dist.
Conklin, Anna M.	Rep.	Livonia	Wayne Co., 21st Dist.
Cudlip, William B.	Rep.	Grosse Pointe Shores	Wayne Co., 13th Dist.
Cushman, Katherine Moore	Dem.	Dearborn	Wayne Co., 16th Dist.
Dade, Malcolm Gray	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 4th Dist.
Danhof, Robert J.	Rep.	Muskegon	23rd Senatorial Dist.
Davis, Charles J. ³	Rep.	Onondaga	Ingham Co., 2nd Dist.
Dehnke, Herman	Rep.	Harrisville	Alpena Dist.
Dell, Clarence B.	Rep.	St. Ignace	Chippewa Dist.
DeVries, Walter D.	Rep.	Grand Rapids	Kent Co., 1st Dist.
Donnelly, Ann E.	Rep.	Highland Park	Wayne Co., 15th Dist.
Doty, Dean	Rep.	Grand Ledge	Eaton Dist.
Doty, Donald D.	Rep.	Monroe	Monroe Co.
Douglas, Edward L.	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 8th Dist.
Downs, Tom	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 4th Dist.
Durst, Clyde W., Jr.	Rep.	Adrian	Lenawee Co.
Elliott, Arthur G., Jr.	Rep.	Pleasant Ridge	Oakland Co., 5th Dist.
Elliott, Daisy L.	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 4th Dist.
Erickson, Claud R.	Rep.	Lansing	Ingham Co., 1st Dist.
Everett, Stanley	Rep.	Battle Creek	Calhoun Co., 2nd Dist.
Farnsworth, James S.	Rep.	Allegan	Allegan Co.
Faxon, Jack	Dem.	Detroit	5th Senatorial Dist.
Figy, Charles	Rep.	Morenci	19th Senatorial Dist.
Finch, Francis	Rep.	Mattawan	Van Buren Co.
Follo, Charles L.	Dem.	Escanaba	Delta Co.
Ford, William D.	Dem.	Taylor	Wayne Co., 19th Dist.
Gadola, Paul V., Sr.	Rep.	Flint	13th Senatorial Dist.
Garvin, Wynne C.	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 3rd Dist.
Goebel, Paul G.	Rep.	Grand Rapids	16th Senatorial Dist.
Gover, William G.	Rep.	Sheridan	Montcalm Dist.
Greene, William O.	Dem.	Detroit	3rd Senatorial Dist.
Gust, Rockwell T., Jr.	Rep.	Grosse Pointe Farms	1st Senatorial Dist.
Habermehl, Donald M.	Rep.	Alpena	29th Senatorial Dist.
Hanna, William F.	Rep.	Muskegon	Muskegon Co., 2nd Dist.
Hannah, John A.	Rep.	East Lansing	14th Senatorial Dist.
Hart, Adelaide, J.	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 10th Dist.
Haskill, Ervin, J.	Rep.	Lapeer	Lapeer Co.
Hatch, H. V.	Rep.	Marshall	Calhoun Co., 1st Dist.

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Delegate	Politics	Post Office	District
Hatcher, Lillian	Dem.	Detroit	4th Senatorial Dist.
Heideman, Bert M.	Rep.	Hancock	32nd Senatorial Dist.
Higgs, Milton E.	Rep.	Bay City	Bay Co.
Hodges, Robert G.	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 1st Dist.
Hood, Morris W., Sr.	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 2nd Dist.
Howes, Roy	Rep.	Copemish	Wexford Dist.
Hoxie, T. Jefferson	Rep.	St. Louis	Griatot Co.
Hubbs, Lewis T.	Rep.	Gladwin	28th Senatorial Dist.
Hutchinson, Edward	Rep.	Fennville	8th Senatorial Dist.
Iverson, Arthur T.	Rep.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 10th Dist.
Jones, Howard L. ⁴	Dem.	Webberville	Ingham Co., 2nd Dist.
Judd, Dorothy Leonard	Rep.	Grand Rapids	Kent Co., 3rd Dist.
Karn, Dan E.	Rep.	Jackson	Jackson Co., 1st Dist.
Kelsey, John T.	Dem.	Warren	Macomb Co., 1st Dist.
King, Raymond L. ⁵	Rep.	Pontiac	Oakland Co., 2nd Dist.
Kirk, Shuford	Rep.	Caro	Tuscola Co.
Knirk, Blaque	Rep.	Quincy	9th Senatorial Dist.
Koeze, Ella D.	Rep.	Grand Rapids	Kent Co., 2nd Dist.
Krolikowski, Ray	Dem.	Hamtramck	Wayne Co., 14th Dist.
Kuhn, Richard D.	Rep.	Pontiac	Oakland Co., 1st Dist.
Lawrence, J. Don	Rep.	Ypsilanti	Washtenaw Co., 2nd Dist.
Leibrand, Karl K.	Rep.	Bay City	24th Senatorial Dist.
Leppien, William J.	Rep.	Saginaw	22nd Senatorial Dist.
Lesinski, Edmond	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 5th Dist.
Liberato, Ralph A.	Dem.	Warren	11th Senatorial Dist.
Lundgren, Kent T. ⁶	Rep.	Menominee	30th Senatorial Dist.
Madar, Arthur J.	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 1st Dist.
Mahinske, Paul R.	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 7th Dist.
Marshall, William C.	Dem.	Taylor	21st Senatorial Dist.
Martin, John B., Jr.	Rep.	Grand Rapids	17th Senatorial Dist.
McAllister, Thomas R.	Rep.	Bad Axe	Huron Co.
McCauley, John E.	Dem.	Wyandotte	Wayne Co., 18th Dist.
McGowan, Marjorie	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 5th Dist.
McLogan, Edward A.	Rep.	Flint	Genesee Co., 1st Dist.
Millard, Frank G.	Rep.	Flint	Genesee Co., 1st Dist.
Mosier, Carl D.	Rep.	Dowagiac	St. Joseph Dist.
Murphy, Raymond M.	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 11th Dist.
Nisbet, Stephen S.	Rep.	Fremont	26th Senatorial Dist.
Nord, Melvin	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 6th Dist.
Norris, Harold	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 6th Dist.
Ostrow, Samuel B.	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 2nd Dist.
Page, G. Keyes	Rep.	Flint	Genesee Co., 1st Dist.
Pellow, William P.	Dem.	Bessemer	31st Senatorial Dist.
Perlich, Frank T.	Dem.	Bessemer	Gogebic Dist.
Perras, Clifford E., Sr.	Rep.	Nadeau	Menominee Dist.
Plank, Raymond A.	Rep.	Ludington	Mason Dist.
Pollock, James K.	Rep.	Ann Arbor	Washtenaw Co., 1st Dist.
Powell, Stanley M.	Rep.	Ionia	Ionia Co.
Prettie, Kenneth G.	Rep.	Hillsdale	Hillsdale Dist.
Pugsley, Earl C.	Rep.	Hart	Newaygo Dist.
Radka, Elmer L.	Rep.	Rogers City	Presque Isle Dist.
Rajkovich, Nick J.	Rep.	Traverse City	Grand Traverse Dist.
Richards, J. Burton	Rep.	Eau Claire	Berrien Co., 2nd Dist.
Richards, Leslie W.	Rep.	Negaunee	Marquette Co.
Romney, George	Rep.	Bloomfield Hills	12th Senatorial Dist.
Rood, James R.	Rep.	Midland	Midland Co.
Rush, Allen, F.	Rep.	Lake Orion	Macomb Co., 3rd Dist.
Sablich, Joseph F.	Dem.	Caspian	Iron Dist.
Seyferth, Don F.	Rep.	Muskegon	Muskegon Co., 1st Dist.
Shackleton, James M.	Rep.	Saginaw	Saginaw Co., 1st Dist.
Shaffer, John C.	Rep.	Gladwin	Arenac Dist.
Shanahan, Edward K.	Rep.	Charlevoix	Charlevoix Dist.
Sharpe, Thomas G.	Rep.	Howell	Shiawassee Dist.
Sleder, Julius C.	Rep.	Traverse City	27th Senatorial Dist.
Snyder, Joseph M.	Dem.	St. Clair Shores	Macomb Co., 2nd Dist.
Spidler, H. Carl	Rep.	Petoskey	Emmet Dist.
Stafseth, Henrik E.	Rep.	Grand Haven	Ottawa Co.
Staiger, Frank O., Jr.	Rep.	Port Huron	34th Senatorial Dist.
Stamm, Anthony	Rep.	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo Co., 2nd Dist.

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Sterrett, James H.	Rep.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 12th Dist.
Stevens, J. Harold	Rep.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 12th Dist.
Stopczynski, Stephen	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 7th Dist.
Suzore, William G.	Dem.	Lincoln Park	Wayne Co., 17th Dist.
Thomson, James F.	Rep.	Jackson	Jackson Co., 2nd Dist.
Tubbs, Robert S.	Rep.	Grand Rapids	Kent Co., 1st Dist.
Turner, Herbert M.	Rep.	Saginaw	Saginaw Co., 2nd Dist.
Tweedie, S. Martin, III	Rep.	Port Huron	St. Clair Dist.
Upton, David F.	Rep.	St. Joseph	Berrien Co., 1st Dist.
Van Dusen, Richard C.	Rep.	Birmingham	Oakland Co., 4th Dist.
Walker, Lee	Dem.	Madison Heights	Oakland Co., 6th Dist.
Wanger, Eugene G.	Rep.	Lansing	Ingham Co., 1st Dist.
White, Ink	Rep.	St. Johns	Eaton Dist.
Wilkowski, Anthony, J.	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 9th Dist.
Wood, Claude L.	Rep.	Brown City	20th Senatorial Dist.
Woolfenden, Henry L.	Rep.	Bloomfield Hills	Oakland Co., 3rd Dist.
Yeager, Weldon O.	Rep.	Detroit	18th Senatorial Dist.
Young, Coleman A.	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 9th Dist.
Youngblood, Charles N., Jr.	Dem.	Detroit	Wayne Co., 3rd Dist.

NOTE: Under the provisions of Const. 1908, art. 17, §4, the call for a constitutional convention was submitted to a vote at the general election held November 4, 1958. The proposal was defeated, as it did not earn a majority of the total vote cast.

On November 8, 1960, voters approved an initiative proposal to amend Const. 1908, art. 17, §4, to permit the submission of the question of a general revision of the constitution at the spring election of 1961 and in every sixteenth year thereafter. At the election held on April 3, 1961, voters approved a constitutional convention to revise the Constitution of 1908.

One hundred forty-four delegates were elected under the provisions of Act 125 of 1960, as amended by Act 8 of 1961 and Act 230 of 1961. The delegates represented each of the 110 house of representatives districts and the 32 senate districts. The members convened in Lansing on October 3, 1961, and adopted the proposed constitution on August 1, 1962, by a vote of 98-43. Ninety-three Republicans and 5 Democrats voted for adoption, and 40 Democrats, joined by 3 Republicans, voted against the revision. Voters adopted the constitution on April 1, 1963, by a vote of 810,860 for to 803,436 against.

¹Appointed July 11, 1962, to replace Raymond L. King.

²Appointed April 11, 1962, to replace Kent T. Lundgren.

³Resigned March 16, 1962.

⁴Appointed March 20, 1962, to replace Charles J. Davis.

⁵Resigned May 17, 1962.

⁶Resigned March 31, 1962.



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