

# The 221st New Jersey Legislature (2024-2026)

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| Legislative District 1  | <br>Senator Michael L. Testa, Jr. (R)<br>Deputy Minority Whip               | <br>Assemblyman Anthony L. McClellan (R)<br>Deputy Minority Leader                | <br>Assemblyman Erik K. Simonsen (R)                                        |
| Legislative District 2  | <br>Senator Vincent J. Polistina (R)<br>Deputy Conference Leader            | <br>Assemblyman Donald A. Guardiani (R)<br>Assistant Minority Whip                | <br>Assemblywoman Claire S. Swift (R)                                       |
| Legislative District 3  | <br>Senator John J. Burzichelli (D)                                         | <br>Assemblyman David Bailey Jr. (D)                                              | <br>Assemblywoman Heather Simmons (D)                                       |
| Legislative District 4  | <br>Senator Paul D. Moriarty (D)                                            | <br>Assemblyman Dan Hutchison (D)                                                 | <br>Assemblyman Cody D. Miller (D)                                          |
| Legislative District 5  | <br>Senator Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez (D)                                         | <br>Assemblyman William F. Moen Jr. (D)<br>Deputy Majority Leader                 | <br>Assemblyman William W. Spearman (D)                                     |
| Legislative District 6  | <br>Senator James Beach (D)<br>Assistant Majority Leader                    | <br>Assemblyman Louis D. Greenwald (D)<br>Majority Leader                         | <br>Assemblywoman Pamela R. Lampitt (D)<br>Deputy Speaker                   |
| Legislative District 7  | <br>Senator Troy Singleton (D)<br>Majority Whip                             | <br>Assemblyman Herb Conway Jr. (D)<br>Deputy Speaker                             | <br>Assemblywoman Carol A. Murphy (D)                                       |
| Legislative District 8  | <br>Senator Latham Tiver (R)                                                | <br>Assemblywoman Andrea Katz (D)                                                 | <br>Assemblyman Michael Torrisi Jr. (R)                                     |
| Legislative District 9  | <br>Senator Carmen F. Amato Jr. (R)                                         | <br>Assemblyman Gregory E. Myhre (R)                                              | <br>Assemblyman Brian E. Rumpf (R)<br>Minority Parliamentarian              |
| Legislative District 10 | <br>Senator James W. Holzapfel (R)                                          | <br>Assemblyman Paul Kanitra (R)                                                  | <br>Assemblyman Gregory P. McGuckin (R)                                     |
| Legislative District 11 | <br>Senator Vin Gopal (D)<br>Dem. Conference Chair                          | <br>Assemblywoman Margie Donlon M.D. (D)                                          | <br>Assemblywoman Luanne M. Peterpaul (D)                                   |
| Legislative District 12 | <br>Senator Owen Henry (R)                                                  | <br>Assemblyman Robert D. Clifton (R)<br>Assistant Minority Leader                | <br>Assemblyman Alex Sauckie (R)                                            |
| Legislative District 13 | <br>Senator Declan J. O'Scanlon Jr. (R)<br>Republican Budget Officer        | <br>Assemblywoman Victoria A. Flynn (R)<br>Deputy Minority Conference Leader      | <br>Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger (R)<br>Minority Policy Chair           |
| Legislative District 14 | <br>Senator Linda R. Greenstein (D)<br>Assistant Majority Leader            | <br>Assemblyman Wayne F. DeAngelo (D)<br>Deputy Speaker                           | <br>Assemblywoman Tennille R. McCoy (D)                                     |
| Legislative District 15 | <br>Senator Shirley K. Turner (D)<br>President Pro Tempore                  | <br>Assemblywoman Verlinna Reynolds Jackson (D)<br>Constituent Outreach Chair     | <br>Assemblyman Anthony S. Verrilli (D)<br>Deputy Majority Leader           |
| Legislative District 16 | <br>Senator Andrew Zwicker (D)                                              | <br>Assemblywoman Michelle Drulis (D)                                             | <br>Assemblyman Roy Freeman (D)<br>Deputy Majority Leader                   |
| Legislative District 17 | <br>Senator Bob Smith (D)                                                   | <br>Assemblyman Joe Danielson (D)<br>Deputy Whip                                  | <br>Assemblyman Kevin P. Egan (D)                                           |
| Legislative District 18 | <br>Senator Patrick J. Diegan Jr. (D)                                       | <br>Assemblyman Robert J. Karabinchak (D)                                         | <br>Assemblyman Stanley S. Stanley (D)<br>Deputy Parliamentarian            |
| Legislative District 19 | <br>Senator Joseph F. Vitale (D)                                            | <br>Assemblyman Craig J. Coughlin (D)<br>Assembly Speaker                         | <br>Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez (D)<br>Deputy Speaker                        |
| Legislative District 20 | <br>Senator Joseph P. Cryan (D)                                             | <br>Assemblyman Reginald W. Atkins (D)<br>Deputy Majority Leader                  | <br>Assemblywoman Annette Quilano (D)<br>Majority Conference Leader         |
| Legislative District 21 | <br>Senator Jon M. Brammick (R)                                             | <br>Assemblywoman Michele Matskoudis (R)<br>Assistant Minority Conference Leader  | <br>Assemblywoman Nancy F. Muñoz (R)<br>Minority Budget Officer             |
| Legislative District 22 | <br>Senator Nicholas P. Scutari (D)<br>Senate President                     | <br>Assemblywoman Linda S. Carter (D)<br>Deputy Speaker                           | <br>Assemblyman James J. Kennedy (D)                                        |
| Legislative District 23 | <br>Senator Douglas J. Steinhart (R)                                        | <br>Assemblyman John DiMaio (R)<br>Minority Leader                                | <br>Assemblyman Erik Peterson (R)<br>Deputy Minority Whip                   |
| Legislative District 24 | <br>Senator Parker Space (R)                                                | <br>Assemblywoman Dawn Fantasia (R)                                               | <br>Assemblyman Michael Inganamort (R)                                      |
| Legislative District 25 | <br>Senator Anthony M. Bucco (R)<br>Republican Leader                       | <br>Assemblyman Christian E. Barranco (R)<br>Assistant Minority Conference Leader | <br>Assemblywoman Aura K. Dunn (R)<br>Assistant Minority Whip               |
| Legislative District 26 | <br>Senator Joseph Pennacchio (R)<br>Deputy Republican Leader               | <br>Assemblyman Brian Bergen (R)<br>Minority Whip                                 | <br>Assemblyman Jay Webber (R)<br>Minority Appropriations Officer           |
| Legislative District 27 | <br>Senator John F. McKeon (D)                                              | <br>Assemblywoman Rosy Bagolie (D)                                                | <br>Assemblywoman Alixon Collazos-Gill (D)                                  |
| Legislative District 28 | <br>Senator Renee C. Burgess (D)                                            | <br>Assemblywoman Garnet R. Hall (D)                                              | <br>Assemblywoman Cleopatra G. Tucker (D)                                   |
| Legislative District 29 | <br>Senator M. Teresa Ruiz (D)<br>Senate Majority Leader                    | <br>Assemblywoman Eliana Pintor Marin (D)<br>Assembly Budget Chair                | <br>Assemblywoman Shanique Speight (D)<br>Deputy Speaker                    |
| Legislative District 30 | <br>Senator Robert W. Singer (R)<br>Deputy Republican Leader                | <br>Assemblyman Sean T. Kean (R)                                                  | <br>Assemblyman Alexander "Avi" Schnall (D)                                 |
| Legislative District 31 | <br>Senator Angela V. McKnight (D)                                          | <br>Assemblywoman Barbara McCann Stamato (D)                                      | <br>Assemblyman William B. Sampson IV (D)                                   |
| Legislative District 32 | <br>Senator Raj Mukherji (D)                                                | <br>Assemblyman John Allen (D)                                                    | <br>Assemblywoman Jessica Ramirez (D)                                       |
| Legislative District 33 | <br>Senator Brian P. Stack (D)                                              | <br>Assemblyman Julio Moreno (D)                                                  | <br>Assemblyman Gabriel Rodriguez (D)                                       |
| Legislative District 34 | <br>Senator Britnee N. Timberlake (D)                                       | <br>Assemblywoman Sharna A. Hader (D)<br>Deputy Majority Leader                   | <br>Assemblyman Michael Venezia (D)                                         |
| Legislative District 35 | <br>Senator Nellie Pou (D)<br>Majority Caucus Chair                         | <br>Assemblywoman Shaunda E. Sumter (D)                                           | <br>Assemblyman Benjie E. Wimberly (D)<br>Speaker Pro Tempore               |
| Legislative District 36 | <br>Senator Paul A. Sarlo (D)<br>Deputy Majority Leader                     | <br>Assemblyman Clinton Calabrese (D)<br>Deputy Whip                              | <br>Assemblyman Gary S. Schaefer (D)<br>Deputy Speaker<br>Policy Chair      |
| Legislative District 37 | <br>Senator Gordon M. Johnson (D)<br>Assistant Majority Leader              | <br>Assemblywoman Sharna A. Hader (D)<br>Deputy Majority Leader                   | <br>Assemblywoman Ellen J. Park (D)<br>Parliamentarian                      |
| Legislative District 38 | <br>Senator Joseph A. Lagana (D)                                            | <br>Assemblywoman Lisa Swain (D)<br>Appropriations Chair                          | <br>Assemblyman Chris Tully (D)<br>Deputy Majority Leader                   |
| Legislative District 39 | <br>Senator Holly T. Scheppl (R)<br>Conference Leader                       | <br>Assemblyman Robert Auth (R)                                                   | <br>Assemblyman John V. Azzariti Jr. M.D. (R)                               |
| Legislative District 40 | <br>Senator Kristin M. Corrado (R)<br>Ranking Member<br>Judiciary Committee | <br>Assemblyman Al Barlas (R)                                                     | <br>Assemblyman Christopher P. DePhillips (R)<br>Minority Conference Leader |

## Legislators

The Legislature consists of two Houses: a 40-member Senate and an 80-member General Assembly. The Senate and Assembly chambers are located in the State House in Trenton.

Senators must be at least 30 years old and residents of the state for four years prior to election. Members of the Assembly must be at least 21 and state residents for two years. All legislators must live in the districts they represent.

While legislators spend a considerable amount of their time on legislative matters, service in the Legislature is considered to be part-time, and most legislators also hold other employment.

## Legislative Districts

Legislators are elected from 40 legislative districts of substantially equal population. The voters in each district elect one Senator and two members of the General Assembly.

Every ten years, after the Federal census, the boundaries of the 40 districts are redrawn to maintain an equal population in each district. This reapportionment of districts is performed by a bipartisan Apportionment Commission, whose members are appointed by the state chairs of the two major political parties.

## Legislative Elections

Legislative elections are held in November of each odd-numbered year. Members of the Assembly serve two-year terms. Senators serve four-year terms, except for the first term of a new decade, which is only two years. This "2+4" cycle allows for elections from new districts as soon as possible after each reapportionment.

Interim appointments are made to fill vacant legislative seats by the county committee or committees of the party of the vacating person. The office is on the ballot for the next general election, unless the vacancy occurred within 51 days of the election. Then the appointment stands until the following general election.

## Legislative Sessions

The New Jersey Constitution provides that each Legislature is constituted for a term of two years, split into two annual sessions. Because the Constitution also specifies that all business from the first year may be continued into the second year, the distinction between the two annual sessions is more ceremonial than actual. The two-year legislative term begins at noon on the second Tuesday in January of each even-numbered year. At the end of the second year, all unfinished business expires.

Each House sets its own meeting schedule. A typical session day consists of party conferences around midday followed by open debate and voting activity in the chambers. Occasionally, committee meetings may be held on days when legislative voting sessions occur, but typically committee meetings are held on another day. While both voting sessions and committee meetings are typically on Mondays and Thursdays, committee meetings and public hearings can be held on any day, at the discretion of the committee chair.

Committee meetings and voting sessions are open to the public. No advance arrangements are necessary to gain admission to the meeting rooms or the public galleries of the chambers. Access for joint sessions, however is limited. Joint sessions occur when the Senate and General Assembly meet together, most often for an address by the Governor.

## Legislative Organization

Each House elects a presiding officer from among its members - the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly. The Senate President and Assembly Speaker are second and third in line of succession to the governorship after the Lieutenant Governor.

The President and the Speaker have broad powers within their Houses. They decide the meeting schedules and the daily calendar of bills to be considered, preside over the sessions, appoint committee chairs and members, refer bills to committees for consideration, and direct the business of their Houses. The Houses elect a Senate Secretary and Clerk of the General Assembly, respectively, who supervise the business operations of the two Houses.

Each party in each House also chooses party leaders: the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, assistant leaders, and "whips." The party leaders help develop party policy on the issues before the Legislature.

Each House establishes a number of standing reference committees to review legislation. Much of the discussion on the merits of a bill takes place in committees. Representatives of interest groups and members of the public are generally given the opportunity to present their views at committee meetings.

## Party Influence

When the majority membership of either House belongs to the same political party, that party is said to "control" the House. The presiding officer is a member of the majority party and, in his or her official capacity, able to support the party's policy goals by setting the agenda of the House. Committee chairs are members of the majority party, and committee membership usually reflects the partisan composition of the House.

Currently, the Democrats are the majority party in both Houses. In the Senate, there are 25 Democrats and 15 Republicans. In the General Assembly, there are 52 Democrats and 28 Republicans.

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