

Supplemental Appendix

State Legislative Organizational Coalitions, 1979-2018

Year(s)	State	Chamber	Elected Leader	Party of Leader	Office of Leader	Party Balance in Chamber	Nature of Coalition
1979-81	New Mexico	Assembly	Samberson (D)	majority	Speaker	41D-29R	26R+11D
1979-81	Vermont	Assembly	O'Connor (D)	minority	Speaker	79R-69D-2I	Unknown (84-62 plus 2 other)
1980-82	California	Assembly	Brown (D)	majority	Speaker	47D-33R	28R + 23D
June 1981-1982	Alaska	House	Hayes (R)	minority	Speaker	22D-16R-2I	All R + 5D +2I
1985-87	New Mexico	Assembly	Samberson (D)	majority	Speaker	43D-27R	26R + 10D
1986	New Mexico	Senate	Smalley (D)	minority	Pres. Pro-Tem	22R-20D	19D + 4R
1985-87	Vermont	House	Wright (D)	minority	Speaker	78R-72D ⁱ	Unknown (76-74)
1987-89	Tennessee	Senate	Wilder (D)	majority	Speaker	23D-10R	10R + 8D
1989-90	Connecticut	House	Balducci (D)	majority	Speaker	88D-63R	All R + 31D
1989-91	North Carolina	House	Mavretic (D)	majority	Speaker	74D-46R	45R + 20D
1989-91	Rhode Island	Senate	Correia (D)	majority	Pres. Pro-Tem ⁱⁱ	41D-9R	19D + 7R
1989-91	Tennessee	Senate	Wilder (D)	majority	Speaker	22D-11R	11R + 9D
1989-91	Vermont	House	Wright (D)	minority	Speaker	76R-74D	Unknown (80-70)
1991-93	Vermont	House	Wright (D)	minority	Speaker	75R-73D-2I	Unknown (80-68)
1993-95	Alaska	House	Barnes (R)	minority	Speaker	21D-18R-1I	All R + 4D + 1I
1993-95	Rhode Island	House	Harwood (D)	majority	Speaker	85D-14R	All R + 45D [^]

Jan. - June 1995	California	Assembly	Brown (D)	minority	Speaker	41R-39D	All D + 1R
June - Sept. 1995	California	Assembly	Allen (R)	majority	Speaker	40R-39D	All D + 1R
Sept. 1995 - Jan. 1996	California	Assembly	Setencich (R)	majority	Speaker	40R-39D	All D + 2R
April 1996 - Jan. 1997	Massachusetts	Assembly	Finneran (D)	majority	Speaker	123D-35R	All R + 56D
1997-99	Kentucky	Senate	Saunders (D)	majority	President	20D-18R	All R + 5D
2000-04	Louisiana	Senate	Hainkel (R)	minority	President	27D-12R	Unknown
2001- Mar. 2002	New Mexico	Senate	Romero (D)	majority	Pres. Pro-Tem	24D-18R	All R + 3D
2005-7	Montana	House	Matthews (D)	majority	Speaker	50D-50R*	All R + 3D
2005-7	Tennessee	Senate	Wilder (D)	minority	Speaker	17R-16D	All D + 2R
2007-9	Alaska	Senate	Green (R)	majority	President	11R-9D	All D + 6R
2007-9	Pennsylvania	House	O'Brien (R)	minority	Speaker	102D-101R	99D + 6R
2008-12	Louisiana	House	Tucker (R)	minority	Speaker	53D-50R-2I	Unknown
2009-11	New Mexico	Senate	Jennings (D)	majority	Pres. Pro-Tem	27D-15R	All R + 8D
2009-11	Tennessee	House	Williams (R)	majority	Speaker	50R-49D	All D + 1R
2009-11	Texas	House	Straus (R)	majority	Speaker	76R-74D	72D + 16R
2013-15	Arkansas	House	Carter (R)	majority	Speaker	51R-48D-1G	Unknown (52-45)
2013-15	Hawaii	House	Souki (D)	majority	Speaker	44D-7R	Unknown (33-18)
2013-15	New York	Senate	Skelos (R)/Klein (D)	minority #	Majority Leader**	33D-30R	All R + 6D

2013-15	Washington	Senate	Sheldon (D)	majority	Pres. Pro-Tem/Majority Leader	26D-23R	All R + 2D
2014-17	New Hampshire	House	Jasper (R)	majority	Speaker	239R-160D-1I	Unknown (195-178)
2015-17	Washington	Senate	Roach (R)	majority	Pres. Pro-Tem	25R-24D	23D + 2R
2017	Washington	Senate	Sheldon (D)	majority	Pres. Pro-Tem	25D-24R	Unknown (unanimous)
2017-18	New York	Senate	Flanagan (R)	minority	Majority Leader**	32D-31R	All R + 1D
2017-18	Alaska	House	Edgmon (D)	minority	Speaker	21R-17D-2I	All D and I + 3R

Alternating majority leaders, but one was from minority party and the other from an organized majority party splinter group.

^ Some Democrats defected to Harwood after the party vote but before the floor vote (MacKay 1993a).

* State law required the speaker be the same party as the governor, who in 2005 was a Democrat (Brian Schweitzer).

** The Majority Leader is also the President Pro-Tem.

*** Occurred twice in one session.

ⁱ By his account, Wright served as a “minority Speaker” after the 1986 elections as well (Wright 2005, 230), but contemporary news accounts gave Democrats a narrow 76-74 seat margin (e.g. Melvin 1987).

ⁱⁱ Technically this was a proxy battle between two Democrats seeking the more powerful post of Senate Majority Leader.