

Table 4: African American Legislators in Leadership Positions in Illinois, 1876-2005 (*italics* denote current membership)

Note: As of the date of this research, the Senate had not assigned committee positions.

<i>Name (party)</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Committee name(s) if applicable</i>
SENATE		
Chew, Charles Jr. (D) ¹		
1985	Assistant Majority Leader	
1983	Chairperson	Transportation
1981	Chairperson	Transportation
1979	Chairperson	Transportation
	Vice-Chairperson	Public Health, Welfare & Corrections
1977	Chairperson	Transportation
1975	Chairperson	Transportation
1973	Minority Spokesperson	Transportation and Public Utilities
1971	Chairperson	Transportation
1969	Minority Spokesperson	Industrial Affairs
1967	Minority Spokesperson	Industrial Affairs
Clayborne, James F. Jr. (D) ²		
2005	Majority Caucus Whip	
2003	Majority Caucus Whip	
	Chairperson	Environment & Energy
	Vice-Chairperson	Public Pension Investments
2001	Minority Spokesperson	Revenue
1999	Minority Spokesperson	Revenue
1997	—	
1995	—	
Collins, Jacqueline Y. (D)		
2003	Vice-Chairperson	Revenue
Collins, Earlean (D)		
1997	Minority Spokesperson	Executive
1995	Minority Spokesperson	Executive
1993	Assistant Minority Leader	
1991	Assistant Majority Leader	
1989	—	
1987	Chairperson	Transportation
	Vice-Chairperson	Labor and Commerce
1985	Chairperson	Labor and Commerce
1983	Chairperson	Labor and Commerce
1981	Chairperson	Labor and Commerce
1979	Vice-Chairperson	Labor and Commerce
1977	Vice-Chairperson	Labor and Commerce

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<i>Hendon, Rickey (D)</i>		
2005	Assistant Majority Leader	
2003	Assistant Majority Leader Vice-Chairperson Co-Chairperson	Environment and Energy Executive Appointments
2001	—	
1999	Minority Spokesperson	Licensed Activities
1997	Minority Spokesperson	Executive Appointments
1995	Minority Spokesperson	State Government Operations
1993	—	
<i>Hunter, Mattie (D)</i> ³		
2003	Vice-Chairperson	Health and Human Services
<i>Jefferies, Elga L. (D)</i> ⁴		
2002	—	
<i>Lightford, Kimberly (D)</i>		
2003	Chairperson Vice-Chairperson	Financial Institutions Education
2001	Minority Spokesperson	Financial Institutions
1999	—	
<i>Meeks, James T. (I)</i>		
2003	Vice Chairperson	State Government
<i>Newhouse, Richard H. (D)</i> ⁵		
1991	Chairperson Vice-Chairperson	Commerce & Economic Development Consumer Affairs
1989	Chairperson Vice-Chairperson	Commerce & Economic Development Higher Education
1987	Assistant Majority Leader	
1985	Chairperson Vice-Chairperson	Higher Education Revenue
1983	Chairperson	Higher Education
1981	Chairperson	Higher Education
1979	Chairperson Vice-Chairperson	Higher Education Elementary and Secondary Education
1977	Vice-Chairperson	Higher Education
1975	Chairperson	Pensions, Personnel and Veterans Affairs
1973	—	
1971	—	
1969	—	
1967	—	

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<i>Name (party)</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Committee name(s) if applicable</i>
Obama, Barack (D) ⁶		
2003	Chairperson	Health and Human Services
2001	Minority Spokesperson	Public Health & Welfare
1999	Minority Spokesperson	Public Health & Welfare
1997	—	
Palmer, Alice (D) ⁷		
1995	Minority Spokesperson	Revenue
1993	Minority Spokesperson	Commerce and Industry
1991	—	
<i>Raoul, Kwame (D)⁸</i>		
2004	—	
Wallace, William A. (D)		
1941	—	
1939	Chairperson Vice-Chairperson	Reapportionment Civil Service
Wimbish, Christopher C. (D)		
1953	—	
1951	—	
1949	—	
1947	—	
1945	—	
1943	—	
BOTH HOUSES		
Alexander, Ethel S. (D) ⁹		
1991 Senate	Chairperson	Elections & Reapportionment
1989	Chairperson	Elections & Reapportionment
1987	Vice-Chairperson	Elections & Reapportionment
1985 House	Chairperson	Elections
	Vice-Chairperson	Urban Development
1983	Vice-Chairperson	Cities and Villages
1981	—	
1979	—	
Brookins, Howard B. (D)		
1991 Senate	Chairperson	Transportation
1989	Chairperson	Transportation
1987	Vice-Chairperson	Transportation
1985 House	Vice-Chairperson	Financial Institutions
1983	—	

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<i>Name (party)</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Committee name(s) if applicable</i>
Hall, Kenneth (D) ¹⁰		
1991 Senate	Chairperson	Appropriations II
	Vice-Chairperson	Executive
1989	Chairperson	Appropriations II
	Vice-Chairperson	Executive
1987	Chairperson	Appropriations II
	Vice-Chairperson	Executive
1985	Chairperson	Appropriations II
1983	Assistant Majority Leader	
	Vice-Chairperson	Executive
1981	Assistant Majority Leader	
	Vice-Chairperson	Executive
1979	—	
1977	—	
1975	Chairperson	Committees
1973	—	
1971	Vice-Chairperson	Transportation
1969 House	—	
1967	—	
<i>Jones, Emil Jr. (D)</i>		
2005 Senate	President	
2003	President	
2001	Minority Leader	
1999	Minority Leader	
1997	Minority Leader	
1995	Minority Leader	
1993	Minority Leader	
1991	Chairperson	Insurance, Pensions & Licensed Activities
1989	Chairperson	Insurance, Pensions & Licensed Activities
	Vice-Chairperson	Local Government
1987	Chairperson	Insurance, Pensions & Licensed Activities
	Vice-Chairperson	Local Government
1985	Chairperson	Insurance, Pensions & Licensed Activities
	Vice-Chairperson	Higher Education
1983	Vice-Chairperson	Higher Education
1981 House	Assistant Minority Leader	
1979	Chairperson	Insurance
1977	Vice-Chairperson	Insurance
1975	—	
1973	—	
King, William E. (R)		
1937 Senate	—	
1935	—	
1933 House	—	
1931	—	
1929	—	
1925	—	

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<i>Name (party)</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Committee name(s) if applicable</i>
McLendon, James A. (D)		
1981 Senate	Chairperson	Judiciary I
1979	Vice-Chairperson	Judiciary I
1977 House	Chairperson	Personnel and Pensions
1975	Chairperson	Personnel and Pensions
1973	—	
1971	—	
1969	—	
1965	—	
Partee, Cecil A. (D)		
1975 Senate	President of the Senate Chairperson	Rules
1973	Minority Leader Minority Spokesperson	Committee on Committees Executive
1971	Minority Spokesperson President Pro Tempore Chairperson	Rules
1969	Minority Spokesperson Minority Spokesperson	Education Savings and Loan Division of Financial Institutions
1967	Minority Spokesperson	Savings and Loan Division of Financial Institutions
1965 House	Chairperson	Elections
1963	—	
1961	Vice-Chairperson	Elections and Reapportionment
1959	—	
1957	—	
Roberts, Adelbert H. (R)		
1933 Senate	—	
1931	Chairperson	Lincoln Memorial
1929	Chairperson	Criminal Procedure
1927	Chairperson	Criminal Procedure
1925	Chairperson	Criminal Procedure
1923 House	—	
1921	—	
1919	—	
Shaw, William (D)		
2001 Senate	Assistant Minority Leader Minority Spokesperson	Environment & Energy
1999	Assistant Minority Leader	
1997	Assistant Minority Leader	
1995	Assistant Minority Leader	
1993	—	
1991 House	Chairperson Vice-Chairperson	Constitutional Officers Financial Institutions
1989	Chairperson	Aeronautics

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Shaw, William (D) (cont'd)		
1989	Vice-Chairperson	Financial Institutions
1987	Vice-Chairperson	Financial Institutions
1985	—	
1983	—	
Smith, Fred J. (D)		
1977 Senate	Chairperson	Public Health, Welfare and Corrections
	Vice-Chairperson	Elections and Reapportionment
1975	Chairperson	Public Health, Welfare and Corrections
1973	Minority Spokesperson	Public Health, Welfare and Corrections
1971	Chairperson	Committee on Committees
	Chairperson	Welfare
1969	Minority Spokesperson	Credit Regulations of Division of Financial Institutions
	Minority Spokesperson	Public Welfare and Registration and Miscellany
1967	Minority Spokesperson	Credit Regulations of Division of Financial Institutions
	Minority Spokesperson	Public Welfare and Registration and Miscellany
1965	—	
1963	—	
1961	—	
1959	—	
1957	—	
1955	—	
1953 House	—	
1951	—	
1949	Vice-Chairperson	Personnel and Pensions
1947	—	
1945	—	
1943	—	
Smith, Margaret (D) ¹¹		
2001 Senate	Minority Caucus Chair	
1999	Minority Caucus Chair	
1997	Deputy Minority Caucus Chair	
	Vice-Chairperson	Judiciary II - Criminal Law
	Minority Spokesperson	Public Health and Welfare
1995	Minority Spokesperson	Public Health and Welfare
1993	Minority Spokesperson	Public Health and Welfare
1991	Chairperson	Public Health, Welfare and Corrections
	Vice-Chairperson	Labor
1989	Chairperson	Public Health, Welfare and Corrections
	Vice-Chairperson	Labor
1987	Chairperson	Public Health, Welfare and Corrections
1985	Vice-Chairperson	Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities
1983	Vice-Chairperson	Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities

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Smith, Margaret (D) (cont'd)		
1981 House	—	
Taylor, James C. (D)		
1983 House	Chairperson	Elections
1981 Senate	Vice-Chairperson	Local Government
1979 House	Assistant Majority Leader	
1977	Chairperson	Cities and Villages
1975	Chairperson	Cities and Villages
1973	—	
1971	—	
1969	—	
Trotter, Donne E. (D) ¹²		
2003 Senate	Chairperson	Appropriations
2001	Minority Spokesperson	Appropriations
1999	Minority Spokesperson	Appropriations
1997	Minority Spokesperson	Appropriations
1995	Minority Spokesperson	Local Government & Elections
1993	—	
1991 House	Vice-Chairperson	Health Care
1989	—	
Washington, Harold (D) ¹³		
1979 Senate	Chairperson	Public Health, Welfare and Corrections
1977	Vice-Chairperson	Judiciary II
1975 House	Chairperson	Judiciary I
1973	—	
1971	—	
1969	—	
1967	—	
1965	—	
HOUSE		
Armstrong, Charles F. (D) ¹⁴		
1965	Vice-Chairperson	Education
1963	—	
1961	—	
1959	—	
1957	—	
Bailey, Patricia (D) ¹⁵		
2003	—	
2005	—	

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Barnes, Eugene M. (D) ¹⁶		
1979	Chairperson	Appropriations II
1977	Chairperson	Appropriations II
1975	Vice-Chairperson	Appropriations II
1973	—	
1971	—	
Bish, James E. (R)		
1895	(No information could be found for that year)	
Blackwell, George W. (R)		
1931	—	
1929	—	
Boswell, Paul P. (R)		
1965	—	
Braun, Carol Moseley (D) ¹⁷		
1987	Assistant Majority Leader	
1985	Assistant Majority Leader	
1981	—	
1979	—	
Buckner, John C. (R)		
1895	(No information available for this year)	
Bullock, Larry S. (D) ¹⁸		
1985	Chairperson	State Government Administration and Regulatory Review
1983	Vice-Chairperson	Financial Institutions
1981	—	
1979	—	
Caldwell, Lewis A. H. (D)		
1977	Chairperson	Public Utilities
1975	Vice-Chairperson	Financial Institutions
1973	—	
1971	—	
1969	—	
1971	—	
1969	—	
1967	—	
1965	Vice-Chairperson	Executive
1963	—	
1961	—	
1959	Vice-Chairperson	Banks and Savings and Loan Associations
1957	—	

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Caldwell, Lewis A. H. (D) (cont'd)		
1955	—	
1937	(Committee data on the representative could not be found for this year)	
Carter, Richard A. (D)		
1973	—	
Clements, Floy (D)		
1959	—	
<i>Collins, Annazette (D)</i> ¹⁹		
2005	Chairperson	Public Utilities
2003	Chairperson	Juvenile Justice Reform
2001	Vice-Chairperson	State Government Administration
Collins, Otis G. (D)		
1971	—	
1969	—	
1967	—	
1965	—	
<i>Colvin, Marlow H. (D)</i> ²⁰		
2005	Chairperson	Consumer Protection
2003	Vice-Chairperson	Local Government
2001	—	
Conner, Lycurgus J. (D)		
1963	—	
1961	—	
Davis, Corneal A. (D)		
1977	Assistant Majority Leader	
1975	Assistant Majority Leader	
1973	Assistant Minority Leader	
1971	Assistant Minority Leader	
1969	—	
1967	—	
1965	Chairperson	Public Aid, Health, Welfare and Safety
1963	—	
1961	Chairperson	Public Aid, Health, Welfare and Safety
1959	Chairperson	License and Miscellany
1957	—	
1955	—	
1953	—	
1951	—	
1949	Vice-Chairperson	Enrolling, Transcribing and Typing of Bills
1947	—	
1945	—	
1943	—	

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<i>Name (party)</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Committee name(s) if applicable</i>
<i>Davis, Monique D. (D)</i>		
2005	Chairperson	Appropriations-General Service
2003	Chairperson	Appropriations-General Service
	Vice-Chairperson	Elementary and Secondary Education
2001	Chairperson	Appropriations-Human Services
	Vice-Chairperson	Elementary & Secondary Education
1999	Chairperson	Appropriations-Human Services
	Vice-Chairperson	Elementary & Secondary Education
1997	Chairperson	Appropriations-Human Services
	Vice-Chairperson	Elementary & Secondary Education
1995	Spokesperson	Elementary & Secondary Education
1993	Chairperson	Labor and Commerce
	Vice-Chairperson	Elementary & Secondary Education
1991	Vice-Chairperson	Elementary & Secondary Education
1989	Vice-Chairperson	Implementation of Chicago School Reform
1987	—	
<i>Davis, William (D)</i>		
2005	—	
2003	—	
Douglas, Warren B. (R) ²¹		
1927	—	
1925	—	
1921	—	
1919	—	
<i>Dunkin, Kenneth (D)</i>		
2005	Chairperson	Tourism & Conventions
	Vice-Chairperson	Commerce & Business Development
2003	Vice-Chairperson	Commerce & Business Development
Ecton, George F. (R)		
1887	(No information available for this year)	
<i>Ewell, Raymond W. (D)</i>		
1981	—	
1979	—	
1977	Chairperson	Higher Education
1975	—	
1973	—	
1971	—	
1969	—	
1967	—	

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<i>Name (party)</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Committee name(s) if applicable</i>
<i>Flowers, Mary E. (D)</i>		
2005	Chairperson	Health Care Availability & Access
2003	Chairperson	Health Care Availability & Access
	Vice-Chairperson	Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education
2001	Chairperson	Health Care Availability & Access
	Vice-Chairperson	Commerce & Business Development
1999	Chairperson	Health Care Availability & Access
1997	Chairperson	Health Care Availability & Access
1995	Spokesperson	Insurance
1993	Assistant Majority Leader	
1991	Chairperson	Real Estate Law
	Vice-Chairperson	Public Utilities
1989	Vice-Chairperson	Public Utilities
1987	Vice-Chairperson	Public Utilities
1985	—	
<i>Gaines, Charles E. (R)</i>		
1979	—	
1977	Spokesperson	Human Resources
1975	—	
<i>Gaines, Harris B. (R)</i>		
1935	—	
1933	—	
1931	—	
<i>Gardner, Horace J. (R)</i>		
1971	Chairperson	Public Welfare
1969	Chairperson	Public Welfare
1967	Chairperson	Public Welfare
1963	—	
1961	—	
1959	—	
1957	—	
<i>Giles, Calvin L. (D)²²</i>		
2005	Chairperson	Elementary & Secondary Education
2003	Chairperson	Elementary & Secondary Education
2001	Chairperson	Elementary & Secondary Education
	Vice-Chairperson	Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education
1999	Chairperson	Local Government
1997	Chairperson	State Government & Administration and Election Reform
1995	—	
1993	—	
<i>Golar, Esther (D)²³</i>		
2005	—	

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Goodwin, Quentin J. (D) 1979	—	
<i>Graham, Deborah (D)</i> 2005 2003	— —	
Graham, Elwood (R) 1971 1969 1967 1963 1961 1959 1957	Vice-Chairperson Vice-Chairperson Vice-Chairperson — — — —	Banks and Savings and Loan Association Banks and Savings and Loan Association Banks and Savings and Loan Association
Green, Edward D. (R) 1911 1905	— —	
Greene, Ernest A. (R) 1955 1943 1941 1939 1937	— — Vice-Chairperson Chairperson —	Efficiency and Economy Charities and Corrections
Griffin, Charles A. (R) 1927 1925	— —	
Harewood, Richard A. (D) 1957 1937	— —	
Harris, Willis (D) 1999	—	
Henry, William C. (D) ²⁴ 1981 1979	— —	
Holloway, Robert H. (R) 1973	—	

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<i>Name (party)</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Committee name(s) if applicable</i>
<i>Howard, Constance A. (D)</i>		
2005	Chairperson	Computer Technology
2003	Chairperson	Computer Technology
2001	Chairperson	Computer Technology
	Vice-Chairperson	Children & Youth
1999	Chairperson	Computer Technology
	Vice-Chairperson	Children & Youth
1997	Vice-Chairperson	Children & Youth
1995	—	
<i>Huff, Douglas Jr. (D)²⁵</i>		
1987	Chairperson	Election Law
	Chairperson	Local School District Reorganization
1985	Chairperson	Local School District Reorganization
	Vice-Chairperson	Public Utilities
1983	Chairperson	Local School District Reorganization
1981	—	
1979	Vice-Chairperson	Higher Education
1977	—	
1975	—	
<i>Hutchins, Ozie (D)²⁶</i>		
1983	—	
<i>Jackson, Jesse (R)</i>		
1981	—	
<i>Jackson, Robert R. (R)</i>		
1917	—	
1915	—	
1913	—	
<i>Jefferson, Charles E. (D)²⁷</i>		
2005	Chairperson	Elections & Campaign Reform
2003	Vice-Chairperson	Elections & Campaign Reform
<i>Jenkins, Charles J. (R)</i>		
1953	Chairperson	Appropriations
1951	Chairperson	Appropriations
1949	—	
1947	—	
1945	Chairperson	Jud. Practice & Uniform Laws
1943	Chairperson	Jud. Practice & Uniform Laws
1941	Chairperson	Jud. Practice & Uniform Laws
1939	Chairperson	Jud. Practice & Uniform Laws
1937	—	
1935	—	
1933	—	
1931	—	

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Jones, John G. (R)		
1901	(No information available for this year)	
<i>Jones, Lovana S. (D)</i> ²⁸		
2005	Assistant Majority Leader Chairperson	Appropriations-Public Safety
2003	Assistant Majority Leader	
2001	Assistant Majority Leader	
1999	Assistant Majority Leader	
1997	Assistant Majority Leader	
1995	Spokesperson	Registration & Regulation
1993	Chairperson Vice-Chairperson	Registration & Regulation Judiciary II
1991	Assistant Majority Leader Chairperson	Reapportionment
1989	Assistant Majority Leader	
1987	—	
<i>Jones, Shirley M. (D)</i> ²⁹		
2001	Chairperson Co-Chairperson	Public Utilities Telecommunications Review
1999	Chairperson	Public Utilities
1997	Chairperson	Public Utilities
1995	Spokesperson	Public Utilities
1993	Chairperson Vice-Chairperson	Registration & Regulation Judiciary II
1991	Vice-Chairperson	Aging
1989	—	
1987	—	
<i>Kelly, Robin (D)</i>		
2005	—	
2003	—	
<i>Kenner, Howard A. (D)</i>		
2001	Chairperson Vice-Chairperson	State Government Administration Health Care Availability & Access
1999	Chairperson	State Government Administration
1997	Vice-Chairperson	Labor & Commerce
1995	—	
<i>Kersey, George T. (R)</i>		
1929	—	
1927	—	
1923	—	
<i>Lane, Alexander (R)</i>		
1909	(No information available for these years)	
1907		

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LeFlore, Robert J. Jr. (D) ³⁰		
1991	Chairperson	Appropriations-Human Services
1989	Chairperson	Small Business
	Vice-Chairperson	Aging
1987	Vice-Chairperson	Aging
1985	Vice-Chairperson	Aging
1983		
Lucas, Benjamin H. (R)		
1917	—	
Madison, Jesse D. (D)		
1977	—	
1975	—	
Markette, Sharon G. (D) ³¹		
1983	—	
Martin, Dudley S. (R)		
1941	—	
Martin, Peggy Smith (D)		
1977	—	
1973	—	
Martin, William L. (R)		
1899	(No information available for this year)	
McNairy, Melvin (D)		
1965	—	
<i>Miller, David E. (D)</i>		
2005	Chairperson	Appropriations-Higher Education
2003	Vice-Chairperson	Transportation & Motor Vehicles
2001	—	
Moore, Eugene (D)		
1997	Chairperson	Revenue
	Vice-Chairperson	Registration & Regulation
1995	—	
1993	—	
Morris, Edward H. (R)		
1903	(No information available for these years)	
1891		

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Morrow, Charles G. (D) ³²		
2003	Chairperson	Appropriations-Public Safety
	Vice-Chairperson	Public Utilities
2001	Chairperson	Appropriations-Public Safety
	Vice-Chairperson	Public Utilities
1999	Chairperson	Appropriations-Public Safety
	Vice-Chairperson	Public Utilities
1997	Chairperson	Appropriations-Public Safety
	Vice-Chairperson	Public Utilities
1995	Spokesperson	Privatization, De-Regulation
		Economic & Urban Development
1993	Chairperson	Housing, Economic & Urban Development
1991	Chairperson	Economic & Urban Development
	Vice-Chairperson	Housing
1989	Vice-Chairperson	Housing
1987	Vice-Chairperson	Housing
Murphy, Harold (D)		
2001	Chairperson	Personnel & Pensions
1999	Chairperson	Personnel & Pensions
1997	Chairperson	Personnel & Pensions
	Vice-Chairperson	Transportation & Motor Vehicles
1995	—	
1993	—	
Patrick, Langdon W. (D)		
1979	—	
1975	—	
1973	—	
<i>Patterson, Milton (D)</i>		
2005	—	
Pelt, Owen D. (D)		
1967	—	
Pouncey, Taylor (I) ³³		
1981	—	
1979	—	
1977	—	
1975	—	
Pugh, Coy (D) ³⁴		
1999	Chairperson	Revenue
1997	Chairperson	Human Services
	Vice-Chairperson	Appropriations-Human Services
1995	Spokesperson	Appropriations-Education
1993	Vice-Chairperson	Cities & Villages

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Rice, Nelson G.R., Sr. (D)		
1991	Chairperson	Election Law
	Vice-Chairperson	Insurance
1989	Chairperson	Elections
	Vice-Chairperson	Insurance
1987	Vice-Chairperson	Insurance
1985	—	
1983	—	
Rhem, Sylvester (D)		
1983	Vice-Chairperson	Insurance
1981	—	
Robinson, William H. (D)		
1963	Chairperson	Public Aid, Health, Welfare & Safety
1961	—	
1959	—	
1957	Chairperson	Public Aid, Health, Welfare & Safety
1955		
Sharp, Wanda (D)		
1999	—	
Shumpert, Walter (D) ³⁵		
1977	—	
Sims, Isaac R. (D)		
1973	—	
1971	—	
1969	—	
1967	—	
Skyles, Charles M. (D)		
1955	—	
1953	—	
1951	—	
1949	—	
Smith, Aubrey H. (D)		
1935	—	
Smith, Calvin L. (D)		
1967	—	
1965	—	
Stewart, Monica Faith (D)		
1981	—	

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<i>Name (party)</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Committee name(s) if applicable</i>
Stroger, Todd H. (D)		
2001	Chairperson	Labor
	Vice-Chairperson	Personnel & Pensions
1999	Chairperson	Labor & Commerce
1997	Chairperson	Local Government
1995	Spokesperson	Counties & Townships
1993	Vice-Chairperson	Housing, Economic and Urban Development
Thomas, John W. E. (R)		
1903	(No information available for these years)	
1901		
1899		
1897		
1895		
1893		
1891		
1889		
1887		
1885		
1883		
1877		
Thompson, Robert L. (D)		
1973	—	
1971	—	
1969	—	
Torrence, Andrew A. (R)		
1939	—	
Turner, Arthur L. (D) ³⁶		
2005	Deputy Majority Leader	
2003	Deputy Majority Leader	
2001	Deputy Majority Leader	
1999	Deputy Majority Leader	
1997	Deputy Majority Leader	
1995	Deputy Minority Leader	
1993	Deputy Majority Leader	
1991	Chairperson	Housing
	Vice-Chairperson	Higher Education
1989	Chairperson	Housing
	Vice-Chairperson	Consumer Protection
1987	Chairperson	Housing
	Vice-Chairperson	Consumer Protection
1985	Vice-Chairperson	Consumer Protection
1983	—	
1981	—	

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Turner, Sheadrick B. (R)		
1927	—	
1925	—	
1923	—	
1921	—	
1919	—	
1915	—	
Warfield, William J. (R)		
1943	—	
1941	—	
1939	Chairperson	Military Affairs
1937	—	
1935	—	
1933	—	
1931	Chairperson	Charities and Corrections
1929	—	
<i>Washington, Eddie (D)</i>		
2005	—	
2003	—	
Washington, Genoa S. (R)		
1971	—	
1969	—	
1967	—	
Washington, Jerry (D)		
1985	—	
Welters, Edward A. (R)		
1947	—	
1945	—	
White, Jesse C. Jr. (D)		
1991	Chairperson	Human Services
1989	Chairperson	Human Services
1987	Chairperson	Human Services
1985	Chairperson	Human Services
1983	Chairperson	Human Services
1981	—	
1979	—	
1975	—	
Williams, Paul L. (D)		
1991	Vice-Chairperson	Judiciary II
	Vice-Chairperson	Real Estate Law
1989	Vice-Chairperson	Judiciary II
1987	—	

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<i>Name (party)</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Committee name(s) if applicable</i>
Williamson, Clarence B. (D) ³⁷ 1980	—	
Wilson, Kenneth E. (D) 1963	—	
1961	Vice-Chairperson	Military and Veteran Affairs
1959	—	
1957	—	
1955	—	
<i>Yarbrough, Karen (D)</i> 2005	Chairperson	Housing & Urban Development
2003	Vice-Chairperson	Insurance
2001	—	
Young, Anthony L. (D) 1991	Deputy Majority Leader	
1989	Assistant Majority Leader	
1987	Vice-Chairperson	Revenue
1985	—	
<i>Younge, Wyvetter H. (D)</i> 2005	Assistant Majority Leader	
2003	Majority Conference Chair	
2001	Chairperson	Appropriations-Higher Education
1999	Chairperson	Appropriations-Higher Education
1997	Chairperson	Appropriations-Education
1995	Assistant Minority Leader	
1993	Chairperson	Higher Education
1991	Chairperson	Higher Education
1989	Chairperson	Urban Development
	Vice-Chairperson	Energy, Environment and Natural Resources
1987	Chairperson	Urban Development
1985	Chairperson	Urban Development
1983	Chairperson	Urban Development
1981	Spokesperson	Health and Family Services
1979	Vice-Chairperson	Energy, Environment and Natural Resources
1977	—	
1975	—	

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Notes

1. Charles Chew died July 3, 1986.
2. James F. Clayborne, Jr. was appointed April 17, 1995 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Kenneth Hall.

3. Both Elga L. Jefferies and Mattie Hunter were appointed to replace Margaret Smith on December 19, 2002. Elga Jefferies held the seat until January 8, 2003 when Mattie Hunter was sworn in. Margaret Smith resigned on December 12, 2002.
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5. Richard H. Newhouse resigned on May 25, 1991.
6. Kwame Raoul was appointed November 6, 2004 to fill the seat left vacant by U.S. Senator-elect Barack Obama.
7. Alice J. Palmer was appointed June 6, 1991 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Richard H. Newhouse.
8. Kwame Raoul was appointed November 6, 2004 to fill the seat left vacant by U.S. Senator-elect Barack Obama.
9. Ethel Skyles Alexander was appointed Senator July 16, 1986 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles Chew.
10. Kenneth Hall died on March 21, 1995.
11. Both Elga L. Jefferies and Mattie Hunter were appointed to replace Margaret Smith on December 19, 2002. Elga Jefferies held the seat until January 8, 2003 when Mattie Hunter was sworn in. Margaret Smith resigned on December 12, 2002.
12. Senator Donne E. Trotter was appointed December 1, 1988 to replace Carol Moseley Braun who resigned to become Cook County Recorder of Deeds.
13. Harold Washington was elected to Congress and resigned his seat in the General Assembly January 5, 1981.
14. Charles. F. Armstrong died on March 8, 1965.
15. Patricia Bailey resigned November 29, 2005.
16. Eugene M. Barnes resigned January 1, 1980 to become chairman of the Chicago Transit Authority.
17. Carol Moseley Braun was elected Cook County Recorder of Deeds and resigned her seat December 1, 1988.
18. Larry S. Bullock resigned December 2, 1986.
19. Annazette Collins was appointed December 9, 2000 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Coy Pugh who resigned on that same day.
20. Marlow H. Colvin was appointed October 3, 2001 to finish the term of Todd Stroger.
21. Warren B. Douglas died on December 3, 1934.
22. Calvin L. Giles was appointed May 18, 1993 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Robert J. LeFlore.
23. Esther Golar was appointed December 27, 2005 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Patricia Bailey on November 29, 2005.
24. William C. Henry was appointed April 18, 1979 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Walter Shumpert. Henry was elected to the Chicago City Council and resigned his seat April 25, 1983.
25. Douglas C. Huff resigned September 8, 1988.
26. Ozie Hutchins resigned September 21, 1983.
27. Charles E. Jefferson was appointed April 23, 2001 to finish the term of Representative Doug Scott.
28. Lovana S. Jones was appointed December 3, 1986 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Larry Bullock.
29. Shirley M. Jones was appointed September 9, 1988 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Douglas C. Huff.
30. Robert J. LeFlore died May 3, 1993.

31. Sharon Markette was appointed October 18, 1983 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ozie Hutchins.
32. Charles G. Morrow was appointed July 16, 1986 to fill the vacancy in the House caused by the appointment of Representative Alexander to the Senate.
33. Taylor Pouncey resigned March 8, 1983.
34. Annazette Collins was appointed December 9, 2000 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Coy Pugh who resigned on that same day.
35. Walter Shumpert was elected to the Chicago City Council and resigned his seat April 15, 1979.
36. Arthur Turner was elected to the 21st House district in 1980, but was defeated for reelection in 1982; he was appointed April 27, 1983 to fill the vacancy in the 18th House district caused by the resignation of William C. Henry on April 25, 1983.
37. Clarence B. Williamson was appointed to the House January 12, 1980 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Eugene M. Barnes.