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General Assembly

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, 1820-

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Historical and Biographical Notes

The Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives is confirmed at the beginning of each General Assembly along with the Sergeant-at-Arms, Doorkeeper, and Chaplain and serves until the next General Assembly is convened. Chief Clerks monitor proceedings and maintain House records. According to the Rules of the House, “the Chief Clerk, under the direction of the Speaker, shall prepare and keep the House Journal and seasonably record the proceedings of the House; keep regular files of House papers; attest all writs, warrants, and subpoenas issued by order of the House; keep an account of all fines imposed by the House; maintain a record of the members' attendance; keep an account of the traveling and expense allowances of all the members; transmit to the Senate messages, communications, copies, and documents of the House; keep a docket of proceedings on all bills, resolutions, and acts; and execute the commands of the House from time to time.”

Chief Clerks have various duties relating to House committees, such as serving as the repository of committee minute books and submitting them to the Secretary of State before the start of the next session. They may also be authorized by the standing Committee on Administration and Accounts to keep transaction records and supply copies to committee members and the Speaker of the House. For the standing Committee on Consent and House Procedures, Chief Clerks maintain a list of courtesy resolutions.

Timeline

Year	Event
September 18, 1820	First session of the Missouri House of Representatives held in St. Louis. John McArthur was elected as the first House Clerk.
November 8, 1820	John Rice Jones elected Clerk after McArthur was unable to perform his duties.
December 1, 1820	Thompson Douglass elected Clerk after John Rice Jones resigned.
November 4, 1822	Thompson Douglass elected (Chief) Clerk for the 2 nd General Assembly.
November 15, 1824	Thompson Douglass elected Chief Clerk for the 3 rd General Assembly.
November 24, 1826	Samuel C. Owens elected Chief Clerk for the 4 th General Assembly.
November 17, 1828	James H. Birch elected Chief Clerk for the 5 th General Assembly.
November 15, 1830	Samuel C. Owens elected Chief Clerk for the 6 th General Assembly.
November 19, 1832	Albert G. Harrison elected Chief Clerk for the 7 th General Assembly.
January 31, 1833	William Scott elected Chief Clerk for the 7 th General Assembly after Albert G. Harrison resigned.

Year	Event
November 17, 1834	James B. Bowlin elected Chief Clerk for the 8 th General Assembly.
November 21, 1836	Thomas C. Burch elected Chief Clerk for the 9 th General Assembly.
November 19, 1838	Micajah V. Harrison elected Chief Clerk for the 10 th General Assembly.
November 16, 1840	William Gilpin elected Chief Clerk for the 11 th General Assembly.
November 21, 1842	James S. Watson elected Chief Clerk for the 12 th General Assembly.
November 19, 1844	William Gilpin elected Chief Clerk for the 13 th General Assembly.
November 16, 1846	Benjamin F. Massey elected Chief Clerk for the 14 th General Assembly.
December 25, 1848	Benjamin F. Massey elected Chief Clerk for the 15 th General Assembly.
December 30, 1850	George W. Huston elected Chief Clerk for the 16 th General Assembly.
September 6, 1852	George W. Huston elected Chief Clerk for the 17 th General Assembly.
December 26, 1854	Samuel A. Lowe elected Chief Clerk for the 18 th General Assembly.
December 30, 1856	James H. Britton elected Chief Clerk for the 19 th General Assembly.
October 27, 1857	William S. Mosely elected Chief Clerk for the 19 th General Assembly; Adjourned Session after James H. Britton resigned.
December 28, 1858	William S. Mosely elected Chief Clerk for the 20 th General Assembly.
January 2, 1861	Thomas H. Murray elected Chief Clerk for the 21 st General Assembly.
December 30, 1862	Walter C. Gantt elected Chief Clerk for the 22 nd General Assembly.
December 27, 1864	Colonel Daniel M. Draper elected Chief Clerk for the 23 rd General Assembly.
January 3, 1867	N. T. Doane elected Chief Clerk for the 24 th General Assembly.
March 6, 1868	J. C. S. Colby elected Chief Clerk for the 24 th General Assembly; Adjourned Session after N. T. Doane was unable to perform his duties.
January 7, 1869	J. C. S. Colby elected Chief Clerk for the 25 th General Assembly.
January 5, 1871	D. A. Sutton elected Chief Clerk for the 26 th General Assembly.
January 2, 1873	J. T. Pratt elected Chief Clerk for the 27 th General Assembly.

Year	Event
January 7, 1875	V. M. Hobbs elected Chief Clerk for the 28 th General Assembly.
January 4, 1877	George W. Frame elected Chief Clerk for the 29 th General Assembly.
January 9, 1879	W. S. Seymour elected Chief Clerk for the 30 th General Assembly.
January 6, 1881	J. H. Hawley elected Chief Clerk for the 31 st General Assembly.
April 19, 1882	John A. Hannay elected Chief Clerk for the 31 st General Assembly Extra Session.
January 4, 1883	John A. Hannay elected Chief Clerk for the 32 nd General Assembly.
January 8, 1885	William P. Bentley elected Chief Clerk for the 33 rd General Assembly.
January 6, 1887	Turner C. Hornbuckle elected Chief Clerk for the 34 th General Assembly.
January 3, 1889	C. G. Yates elected Chief Clerk for the 35 th General Assembly.
January 8, 1891	Abner S. Smith elected Chief Clerk for the 36 th General Assembly.
January 5, 1893	Jno. W. Jacks elected Chief Clerk for the 37 th General Assembly.
January 3, 1895	Albert Griffen elected Chief Clerk for the 38 th General Assembly.
January 7, 1897	Charles W. Green elected Chief Clerk for the 39 th General Assembly.
January 5, 1899	Henry A. Newman elected Chief Clerk for the 40 th General Assembly.
January 3, 1901	Joseph Tall elected Chief Clerk for the 41 st General Assembly.
January 8, 1903	Joseph Tall elected Chief Clerk for the 42 nd General Assembly.
January 5, 1905	B. F. Russell elected Chief Clerk for the 43 rd General Assembly.
January 3, 1907	Frank L. Dawson elected Chief Clerk for the 44 th General Assembly.
January 7, 1909	W. C. Goshorn elected Chief Clerk for the 45 th General Assembly.
January 5, 1911	J. Kelly Pool elected Chief Clerk for the 46 th General Assembly.
January 9, 1913	Omar D. Gray elected Chief Clerk for the 47 th General Assembly.
January 7, 1915	Robert L. Marrs elected Chief Clerk for the 48 th General Assembly.

Year	Event
January 4, 1917	Robert L. Marrs elected Chief Clerk for the 49 th General Assembly.
January 9, 1919	W. G. Kitchen elected Chief Clerk for the 50 th General Assembly.
January 6, 1921	J. Fent Chapin elected Chief Clerk for the 51 st General Assembly.
November 3, 1921	M. B. Chandler elected Chief Clerk for the 51 st General Assembly, Second Extra Session.
January 4, 1923	William Hicks elected Chief Clerk for the 52 nd General Assembly.
January 7, 1925	William M. Turbett elected Chief Clerk for the 53 rd General Assembly.
January 5, 1927	Vic H. Essen elected Chief Clerk for the 54 th General Assembly.
January 3, 1929	Vic H. Essen elected Chief Clerk for the 55 th General Assembly.
January 8, 1931	Joseph L. Kennedy elected Chief Clerk for the 56 th General Assembly.
January 4, 1933	Joseph A. Bauer elected Chief Clerk for the 57 th General Assembly.
January 2, 1935	Joseph A. Bauer elected Chief Clerk for the 58 th General Assembly.
January 6, 1937	Joseph A. Bauer elected Chief Clerk for the 59 th General Assembly.
January 4, 1939	Joseph A. Bauer elected Chief Clerk for the 60 th General Assembly.
January 8, 1941	Joseph A. Bauer elected Chief Clerk for the 61 st General Assembly.
January 6, 1943	Leonard E. Newton elected Chief Clerk for the 62 nd General Assembly.
January 3, 1945	Herold D. Condray elected Chief Clerk for the 63 rd General Assembly.
January 8, 1947	Curtis J. Tindel elected Chief Clerk for the 64 th General Assembly.
January 5, 1949	J. S. Wallace elected Chief Clerk for the 65 th General Assembly.
January 3, 1951	Ray Fordham elected Chief Clerk for the 66 th General Assembly.
January 7, 1953	W. D. Cruce elected Chief Clerk for the 67 th General Assembly.
January 5, 1955	Austin Hill elected Chief Clerk for the 68 th General Assembly.
January 2, 1957	Austin Hill elected Chief Clerk for the 69 th General Assembly.

Year	Event
January 7, 1959	Austin Hill elected Chief Clerk for the 70 th General Assembly.
January 4, 1961	Agnes Moore elected Chief Clerk for the 71 st General Assembly.
January 2, 1963	Agnes Moore elected Chief Clerk for the 72 nd General Assembly.
January 6, 1965	Agnes Moore elected Chief Clerk for the 73 rd General Assembly.
January 4, 1967	Agnes Moore elected Chief Clerk for the 74 th General Assembly.
January 8, 1969	Agnes Moore elected Chief Clerk for the 75 th General Assembly.
January 6, 1971	Agnes Moore elected Chief Clerk for the 76 th General Assembly.
January 3, 1973	Agnes Moore elected Chief Clerk for the 77 th General Assembly.
January 8, 1975	Agnes Moore elected Chief Clerk for the 78 th General Assembly.
January 5, 1977	Dwight L. Fine elected Chief Clerk for the 79 th General Assembly.
January 3, 1979	Dwight L. Fine elected Chief Clerk for the 80 th General Assembly.
January 7, 1981	Douglas W. Burnett elected Chief Clerk for the 81 st General Assembly.
January 5, 1983	Douglas W. Burnett elected Chief Clerk for the 82 nd General Assembly.
January 9, 1985	Douglas W. Burnett elected Chief Clerk for the 83 rd General Assembly.
January 6, 1988	Douglas W. Burnett elected Chief Clerk for the 84 th General Assembly.
January 4, 1989	Douglas W. Burnett elected Chief Clerk for the 85 th General Assembly.
January 9, 1991	Douglas W. Burnett elected Chief Clerk for the 86 th General Assembly.
January 6, 1993	Douglas W. Burnett elected Chief Clerk for the 87 th General Assembly.
January 5, 1995	Douglas W. Burnett elected Chief Clerk for the 88 th General Assembly.
April 23, 1996	Anne C. Walker elected Chief Clerk for the 88 th General Assembly, Second Regular Session, after Douglas W. Burnett resigned.
January 8, 1997	Anne C. Walker elected Chief Clerk for the 89 th General Assembly.
January 6, 1999	Anne C. Walker elected Chief Clerk for the 90 th General Assembly.

Year	Event
January 3, 2001	Ted Wedel elected Chief Clerk for the 91 st General Assembly.
January 8, 2003	Stephen S. Davis elected Chief Clerk for the 92 nd General Assembly.
January 5, 2005	Stephen S. Davis elected Chief Clerk for the 93 rd General Assembly.
July 10, 2006	Daniel Adam Crumbliss elected Chief Clerk for the 93 rd General Assembly.
January 3, 2007	Daniel Adam Crumbliss elected Chief Clerk for the 94 th General Assembly.
January 7, 2009	Daniel Adam Crumbliss elected Chief Clerk for the 95 th General Assembly.
January 5, 2011	Daniel Adam Crumbliss elected Chief Clerk for the 96 th General Assembly.
January 9, 2013	Daniel Adam Crumbliss elected Chief Clerk for the 97 th General Assembly.
January 7, 2015	Daniel Adam Crumbliss elected Chief Clerk for the 98 th General Assembly.
January 4, 2017	Daniel Adam Crumbliss elected Chief Clerk for the 99 th General Assembly.
January 9, 2019	Dana Rademan Miller elected Chief Clerk for 100 th General Assembly.
January 6, 2021	Dana Rademan Miller elected Chief Clerk for 101 st General Assembly.
January 4, 2023	Dana Rademan Miller elected Chief Clerk for the 102 nd General Assembly.

Additional Descriptive Information

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Scope and Content

Dwight Fine was Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives for the 79th and 80th General Assembly (1977-1980). Fine was born in 1942 and earned “graduate degrees in American Civilization and Public Administration from Ouachita Baptist University and the University of Missouri – Columbia.” Previous to his appointment as Chief Clerk, he was Administrative manager of the Office of State Auditor.

As Chief Clerk, Fine’s responsibilities to the Committee on Accounts were to “maintain financial records for the House...and keep a detailed accounting of all transactions,” then make quarterly reports to committee members and the Speaker. The Committee on Accounts has “sole and complete control of all financial obligations and business affairs of the House...” and “provide[s] for the receiving and receipt of all supplies, equipment, and furnishings.” Other duties include: funds for operation of member’s offices; allotment of offices, chamber seats, and parking spaces; and recognizing caucuses.

Committee on Accounts, 1974-1978

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Contains materials from Dwight Fine’s involvement in the Committee on Accounts including: correspondence, contract forms, plans and specifications, advertisements for bid, bid proposals, voting systems literature, and designs/blueprints relating to construction and renovation projects; weekly reports provided by Fine to Speaker of the House Kenneth Rothman and members of the committee, as well as miscellaneous items such as news releases, newspaper articles, blueprints for construction and renovations and related correspondence; and reports, newsletters, correspondence, Attorney General’s Opinions and minutes of the committee and other organizational bodies that were involved with the committee.

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Box	Folder	Contents	Date
1	1	Attorney General’s Opinion Re: Representatives’ Salaries	1953-1977
1	2	Construction and Renovations: Architect Agreement	July 18, 1978
1	3	Construction and Renovations: Double-Decking of Capital Rooms 107, 108, and 109	April 20, 1978- March 26, 1979

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
1	1	Construction and Renovations: Double-Decking of Capitol Rooms 107, 108, and 109 – Blueprints (Closed)	No date
1	4	Construction and Renovations: House Electronic Voting System/Comtec – System Information	June-July 1977
1	5	Construction and Renovations: House Electronic Voting System/Comtec – System Information	June-July 1977
1	6	Construction and Renovations: House Electronic Voting System/Daktronics, Inc – System Information, Bid Proposal and Correspondence	February 1974- July 1977
OB1	1	Construction and Renovations: House Electronic Voting System/Daktronics, Inc – New Hampshire System Blueprints	February 1974- July 1977
1	7	Construction and Renovations: House Electronic Voting System/IBM – System Information, Bid Proposal, and Correspondence	June 8-13, 1977
1	8	Construction and Renovations: House Electronic Voting System/Information from other Legislatures	1975
1	9	Construction and Renovations: House Electronic Voting System/Invitations to Bid	1977
1	10	Construction and Renovations: House Electronic Voting System/McDonnell Douglas – System Information and Refusal to Bid	1975, 1977
1	11	Construction and Renovations: House Electronic Voting System/Roll Call Sheets	1978

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
1	12	Construction and Renovations: House Electronic Voting System/Specifications	No date
1	13	Construction and Renovations: House Electronic Voting System/Work Sheets on Bid Decision	No date
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1	15	Construction and Renovations: Office Renovations, Rooms 100- 106, Capitol Building	1978
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1	18	Joint Committee on Administrative Rules	1977
1	19	Memoranda and Correspondence	1974-1977
2	1	Minutes	1969-1977
2	2-3	Monday Morning Report	January 9- December 12, 1977
2	4	Monday Morning Report	January 23- October 2, 1978
1	3	Capitol Renovation Blueprints (Closed)	January 23- October 2, 1978
2	5	Representatives' Expense Accounts	1977
2	6	Resolutions	No date
2	7	State Personnel Management Council: Meeting Minutes and Request for Proposal	March 10, 1977- November 16, 1978

Office Files, 1977-1979

Arrangement: Alphabetical by subject

Records from Dwight Fine, including correspondence; complaints, memoranda and orders, motions and correspondence relating to a lawsuit filed against Speaker Kenneth Rothman et al; press release from Rothman supplying summary information of House action during first half of 1977 session; letters of request for employment during interim sessions; newsletters from and correspondence with the American Society of Clerks and Secretaries; and correspondence and materials from Fine's involvement with the Conference on Education Property Tax Assessment Project.

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3	2	Conference on Education Property Tax Assessment Project	1977-1978
3	3	General Correspondence	1977
3	4	General Correspondence	1978-1979
3	5	Lawsuit: Mary Watts, et al, v. Kenneth Rothman, et al.	May 6-September 13, 1977
3	6	Press Information: Session Summary	April 5, 1977
3	7	Session Help Requests – Letters of Recommendation	February 21, 1977-January 11, 1979